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# **Photocarcinogenesis Study of Glycolic Acid and Salicylic Acid in SKH-1 Mice**

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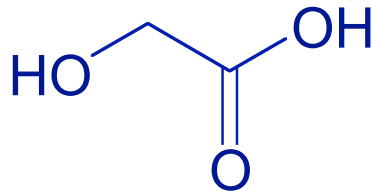
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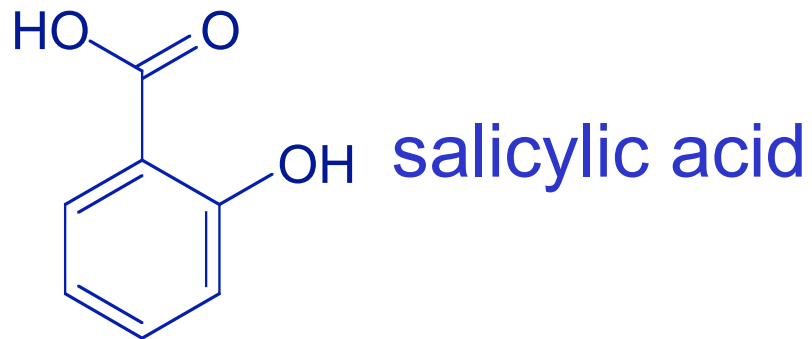
## BACKGROUND

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- Uses of AHA and BHA
  - Topical creams
  - Higher concentrations as chemical peels
  - Lower concentration as cleanser, moisturizer, etc
  - Correction of photoaging
- Structures of glycolic and salicylic acid



glycolic acid



salicylic acid

# BACKGROUND

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- FDA nomination

- Use on photo-exposed skin; increased sensitivity to sun

- Removal of stratum corneum

- Increased cell proliferation

# PURPOSE OF STUDY

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Test effect of topical application of cream containing AHA (glycolic acid) or BHA (salicylic acid) on UVB induced skin cancer development (photococarcinogenesis)

# STUDY DESIGN

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## Test Animal

CrI: SKH-1 (hr<sup>-</sup>/hr<sup>-</sup>) hairless mice  
males and females  
18 or 36 mice/group  
8 weeks of age at start of treatment

## Test Article

Topically applied (AM)  
~2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> cream, volumetric delivery  
<30 sec application  
base of tail to base of neck; to tangent on flanks

## STUDY DESIGN (page 2)

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### Irradiation with light

0, 0.3, 0.6 and 0.9 MED<sup>instrumental</sup> (sub-erythemic)  
Treatment (PM) 5 days/week

### Observations

Standard clinical observations recorded

Weekly tumor measurements (<1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-5,  
5-7, 7-10, >10 mm)

40 weeks, test chemical and light

12 weeks, observation

# TEST GROUPS

Cream Application	No Light	0.3 MED <sup>i</sup>	0.6 MED <sup>i</sup>	0.9 MED <sup>i</sup>
None	36*	36	36	36
Control cream, pH 3.5	18	18	18	-
4% Glycolic acid (GA), pH 3.5	18	18	18	-
10% GA, pH 3.5	18	18	18	-
2% Salicylic acid (SA), pH 4	18	18	18	-
4% SA, pH 4	18	18	18	-

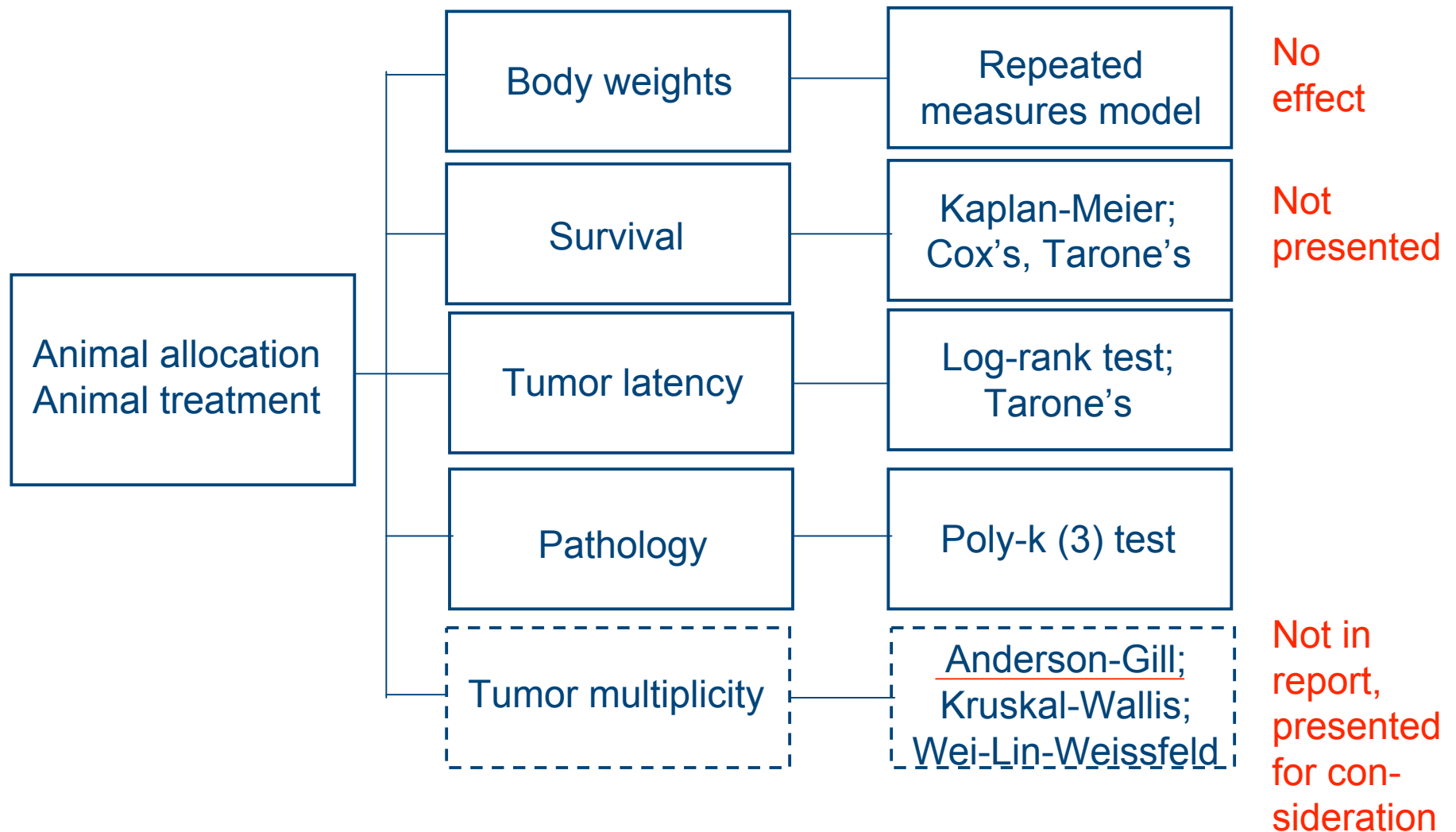
*\*Number of males and females per group*

# CONTENT OF CONTROL CREAM

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Water, 70.02%  
Glycerin (96%), 3.25%  
Keltrol T solution (2%), 8.00%  
Veegum Ultra, 1.20%  
Cetearyl alcohol, 2.50%  
Eutanol G, 4.00%  
Dimethicone DC200-100, 0.80%  
Lipomulse 165, 2.40%  
Brij 721 (Steareth-21), 2.40%  
Lipowax D, 4.00%  
Germaben II, 1.00%  
Phosphoric acid (8.5%), 0.43%  
pH 3.5

# DATA FROM STUDY, STATISTICAL ANALYSES





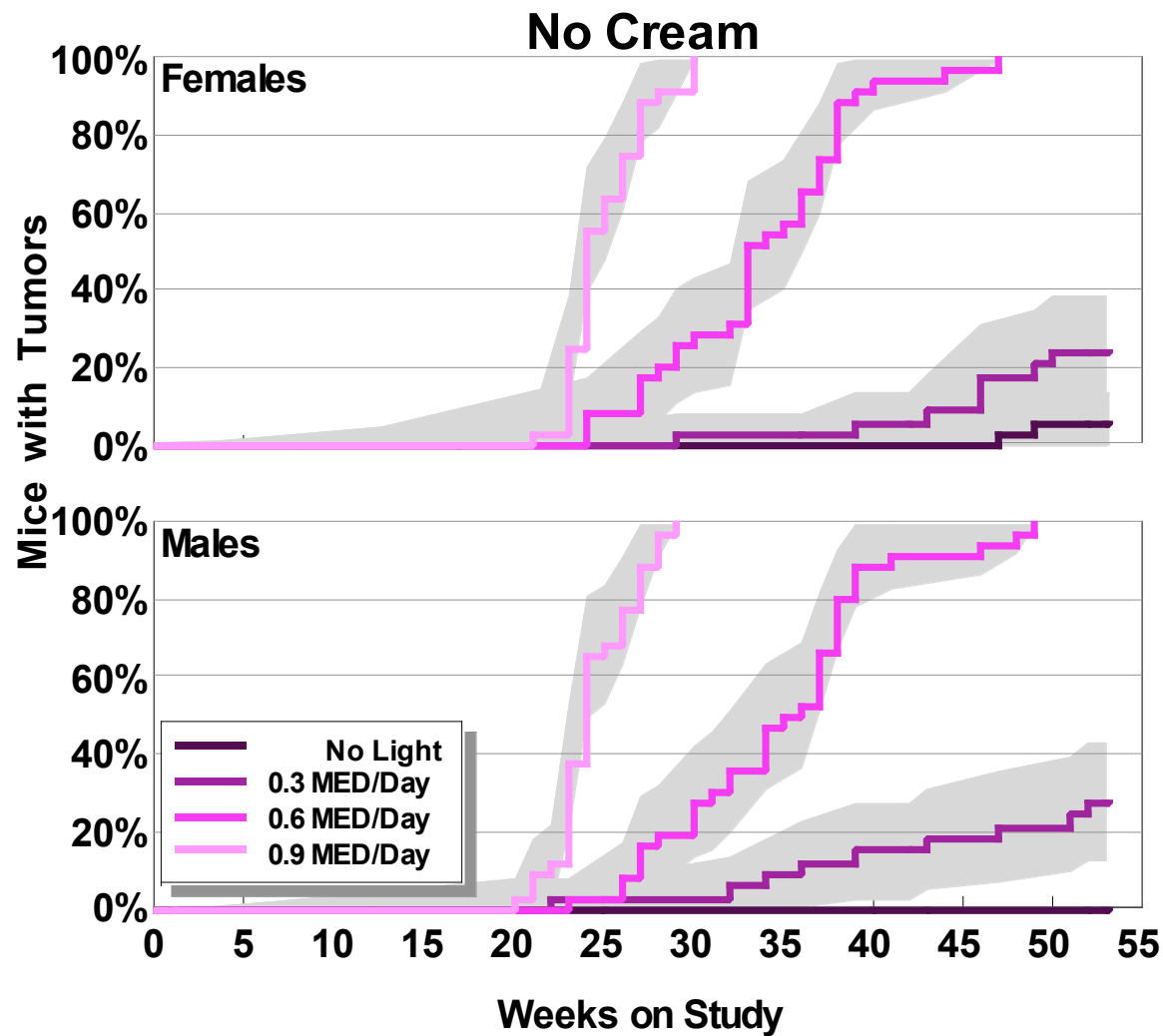
# SURVIVAL

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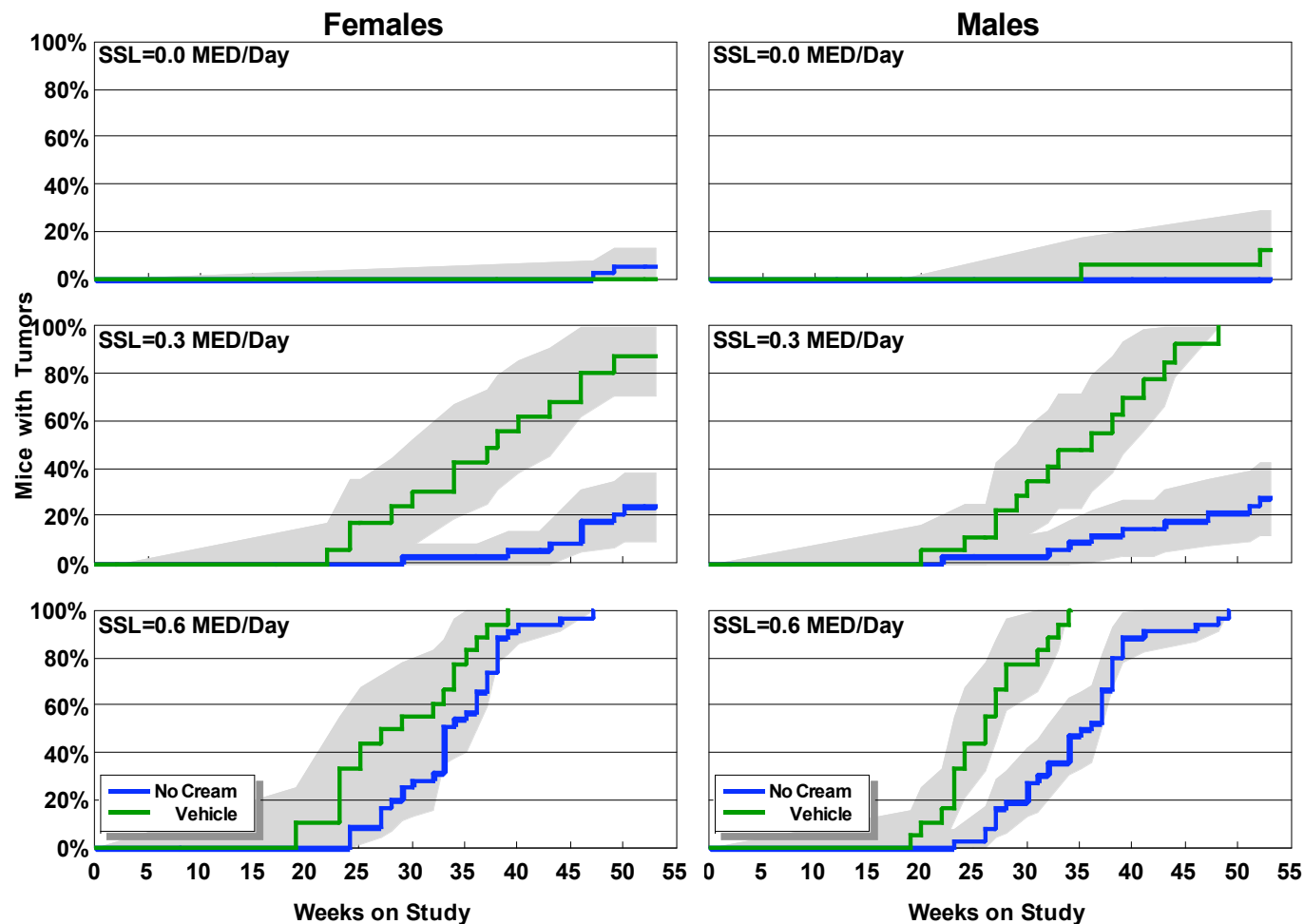
Mouse is removed from study if -

- Moribund
- Health status inconsistent with continuation
- Tumor reached 10 mm
- Tumors merged eliminating tumor individuality
- Skin condition inconsistent with continuation on study

# TIME TO FIRST TUMOR $\geq 1$ mm: no cream



# TIME TO FIRST TUMOR $\geq 1$ mm: no cream vs. control cream



# TIME TO FIRST TUMOR $\geq 1$ mm: no cream vs. control cream

Group mean time to tumor  
(weeks)

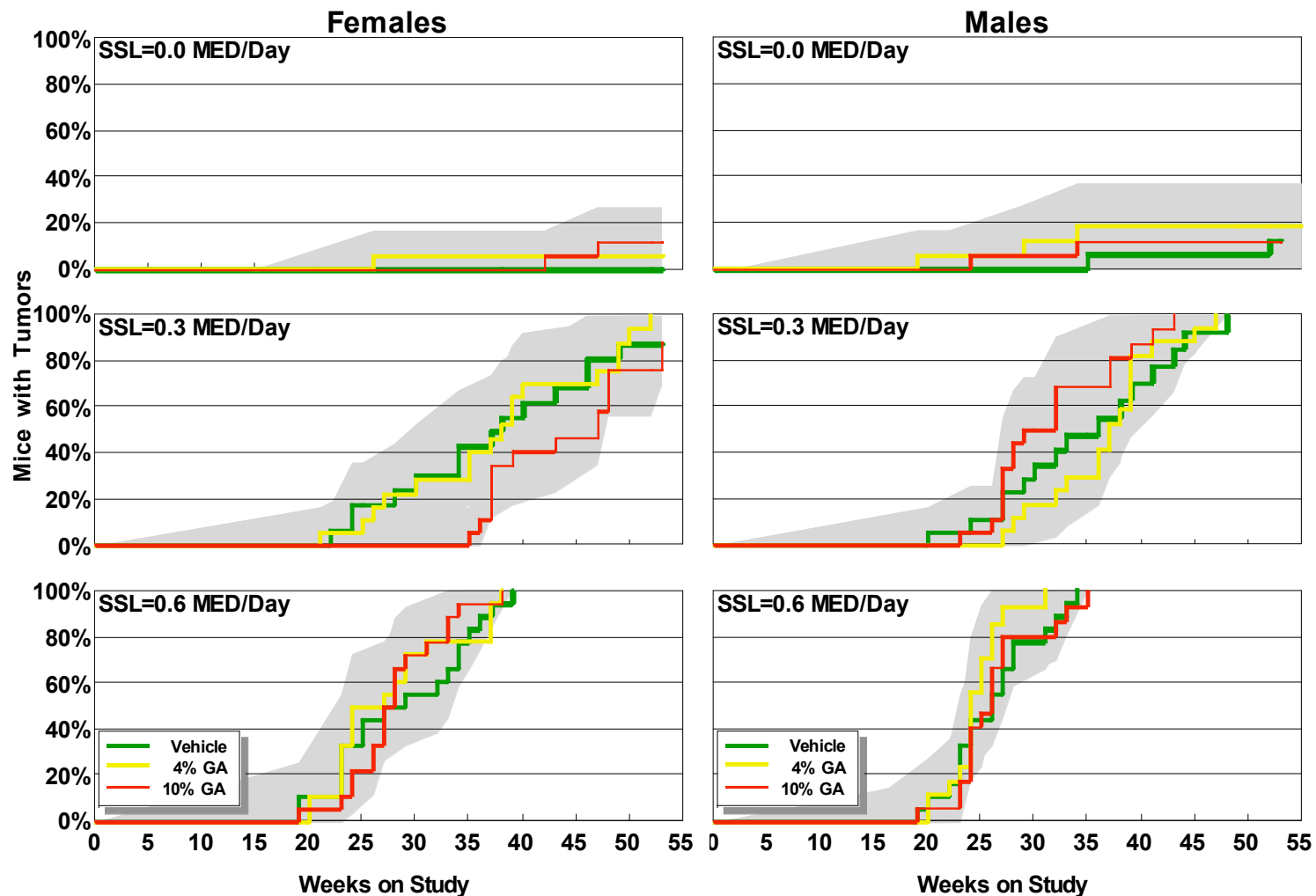
	None	Control Cream	
<b>Female</b>			
0.3 MED/d	48.5 $\pm$ 0.7	37.2 $\pm$ 2.3	<i>p=0.001</i>
0.6 MED/d	33.7 $\pm$ 0.9	28.7 $\pm$ 1.5	<i>p=0.005</i>
<b>Male</b>			
0.3 MED/d	48.6 $\pm$ 1.3	34.9 $\pm$ 2.0	<i>p=0.001</i>
0.6 MED/d	34.8 $\pm$ 1.0	26.1 $\pm$ 1.0	<i>p=0.001</i>

## CONCLUSIONS (1)

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- Application of control cream decreased the group mean time to first tumor ( $\geq 1$  mm),
- As a result, glycolic acid and salicylic acid groups should be compared to control cream results.

# TIME TO FIRST TUMOR $\geq 1$ mm: cream $\pm$ glycolic acid

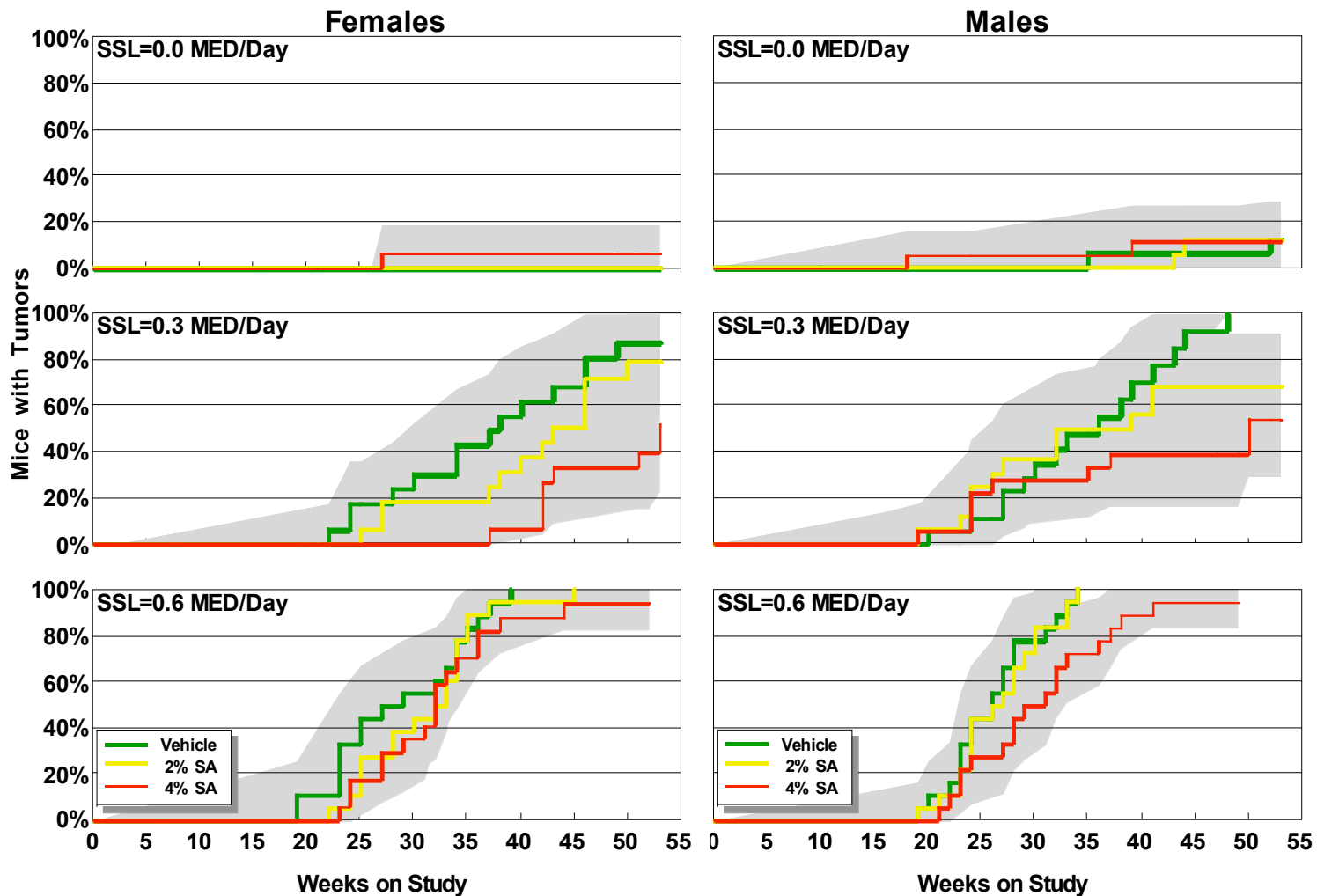


# TIME TO FIRST TUMOR >1 mm: cream $\pm$ glycolic acid

Group mean time to tumor (weeks)

	Control Cream	4% GA	10% GA
<b>Female</b>			
0.3 MED/d	37.2 $\pm$ 2.3 <i>ns (trend)</i>	37.8 $\pm$ 2.3 <i>ns</i>	44.2 $\pm$ 1.7 <i>ns</i>
0.6 MED/d	28.7 $\pm$ 1.5 <i>ns</i>	27.6 $\pm$ 1.4 <i>ns</i>	28.1 $\pm$ 1.1 <i>ns</i>
<b>Male</b>			
0.3 MED/d	34.9 $\pm$ 2.0 <i>p=0.034</i>	36.6 $\pm$ 1.3 <i>ns</i>	31.8 $\pm$ 1.4 <i>ns</i>
0.6 MED/d	26.1 $\pm$ 1.0 <i>ns</i>	24.5 $\pm$ 0.7 <i>ns</i>	26.3 $\pm$ 1.0 <i>ns</i>

# TIME TO FIRST TUMOR $\geq 1$ mm: cream $\pm$ salicylic acid





# TIME TO FIRST TUMOR $\geq 1$ mm: cream $\pm$ salicylic acid

Group mean time to tumor (weeks)

	Control Cream	2% SA	4% SA
<b>Female</b>			
0.3 MED/d	37.2 $\pm$ 2.3 <i>p=0.001N</i>	41.5 $\pm$ 2.2 <i>ns</i>	48.9 $\pm$ 1.6 <i>p=0.002N</i>
0.6 MED/d	28.7 $\pm$ 1.5 <i>ns</i>	31.1 $\pm$ 1.3 <i>ns</i>	32.1 $\pm$ 1.5 <i>ns</i>
<b>Male</b>			
0.3 MED/d	34.9 $\pm$ 2.0 <i>p=0.008N</i>	33.4 $\pm$ 2.1 <i>ns</i>	41.1 $\pm$ 3.0 <i>p=0.003N</i>
0.6 MED/d	26.1 $\pm$ 1.0 <i>p=0.005N</i>	26.7 $\pm$ 1.0 <i>ns</i>	30.3 $\pm$ 1.5 <i>p=0.008N</i>

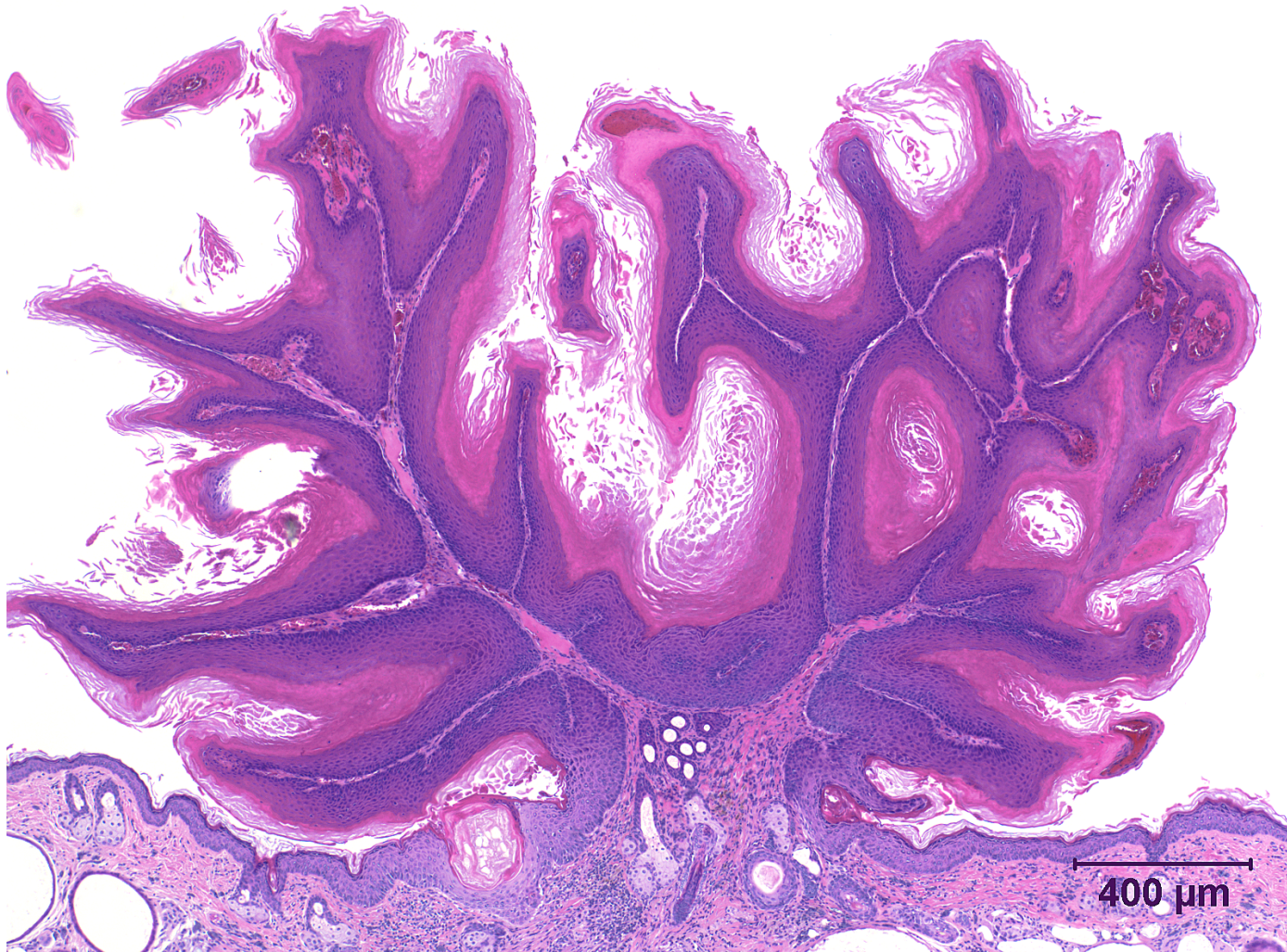
## CONCLUSIONS (2)

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Compared to control cream,

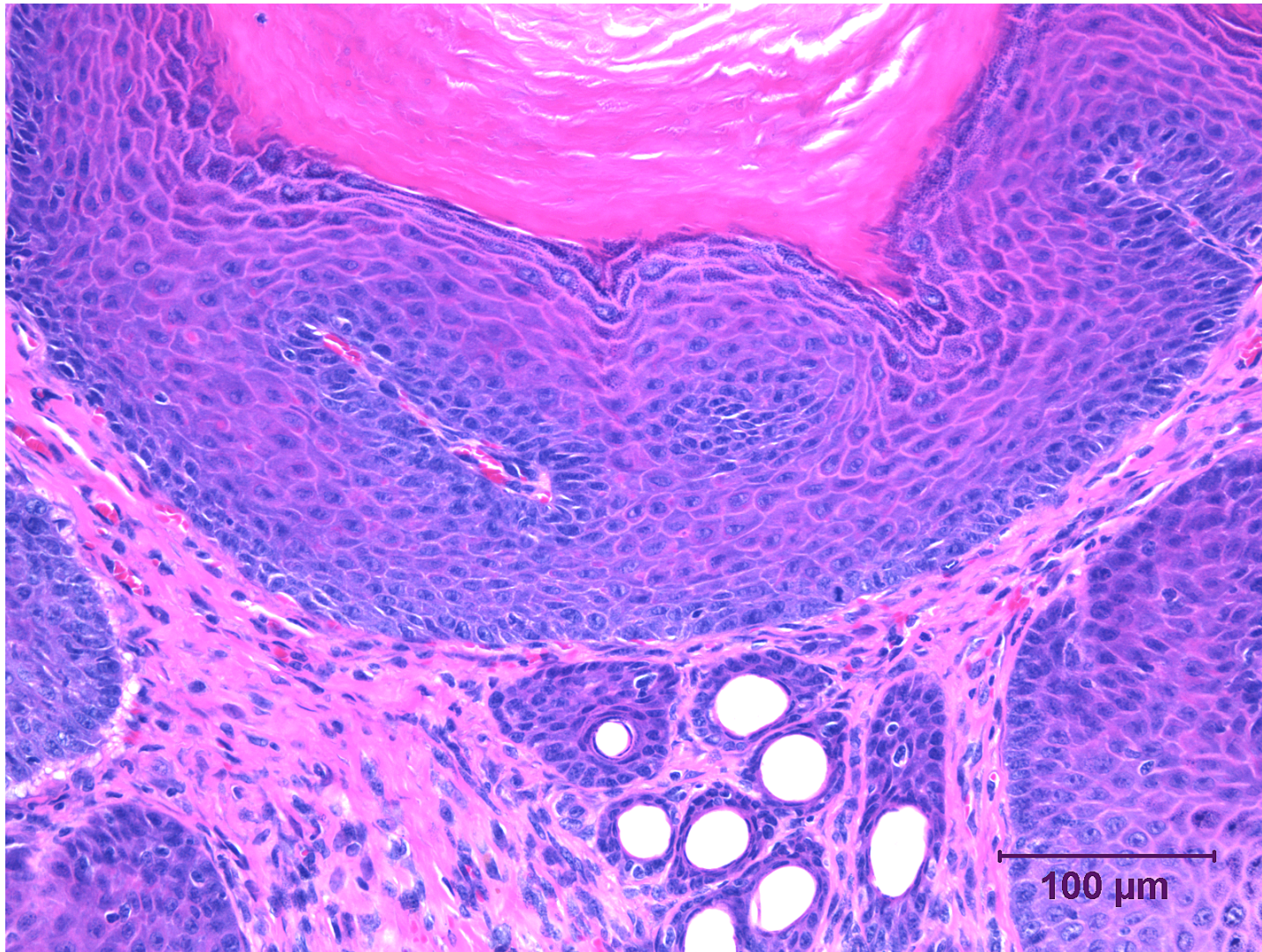
- Glycolic acid did not have consistent effect on skin tumor ( $\geq 1$  mm) development.
- Salicylic acid increased mean time to first tumor ( $\geq 1$  mm) (*i.e.* protective) at 0.3 MED/d in females, and 0.3 and 0.6 MED/d in males.

# SQUAMOUS CELL PAPILLOMA



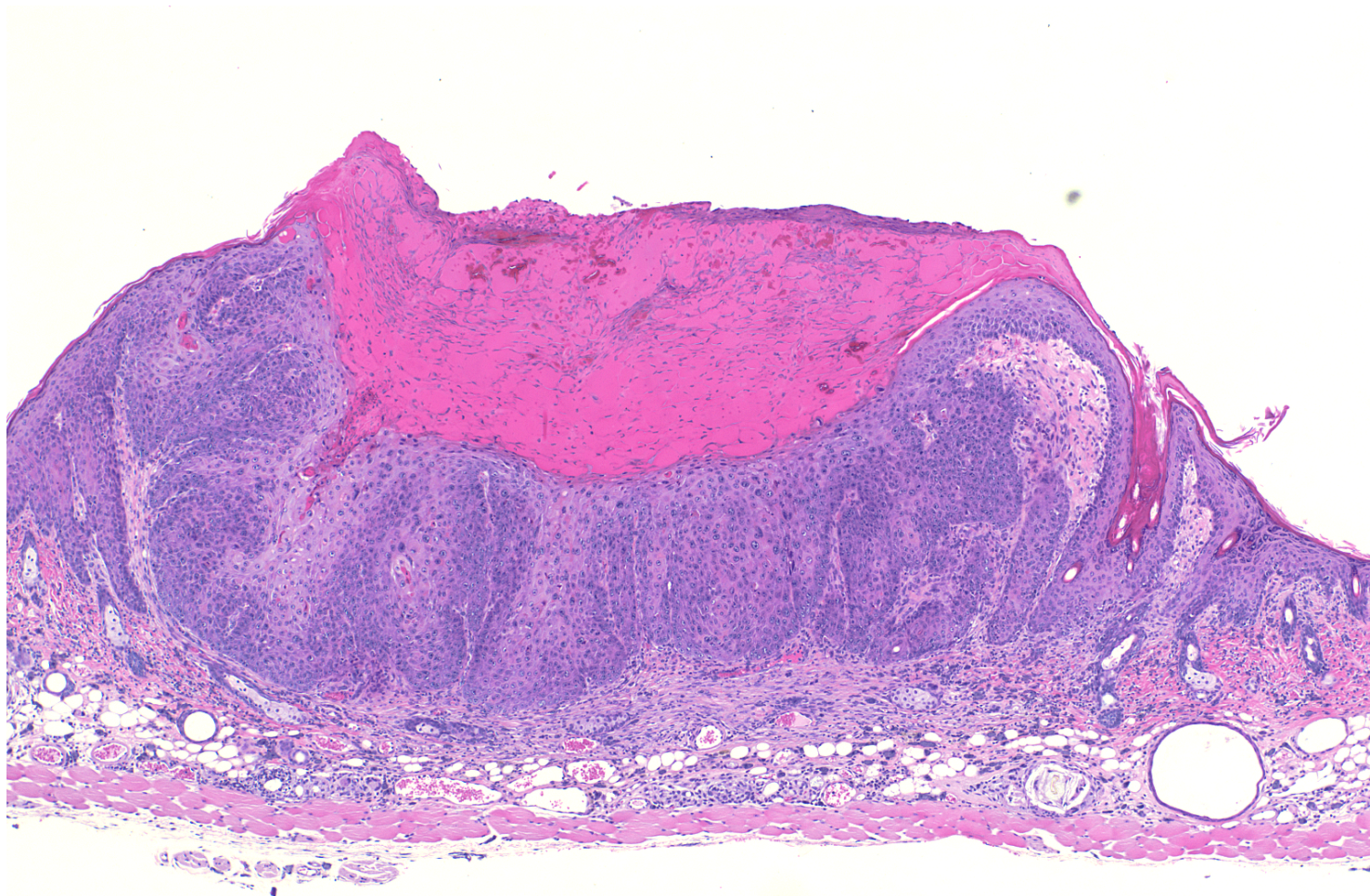


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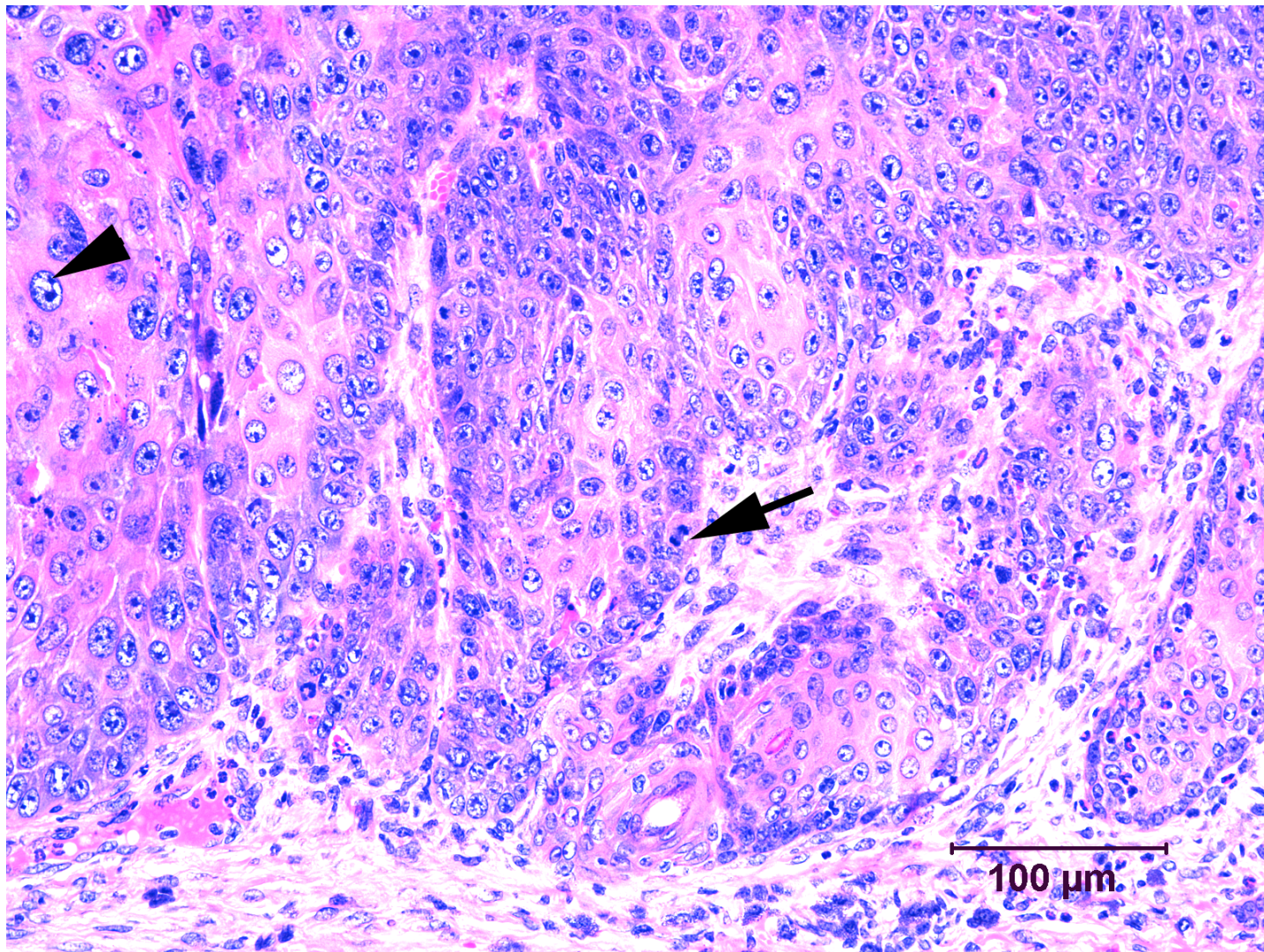
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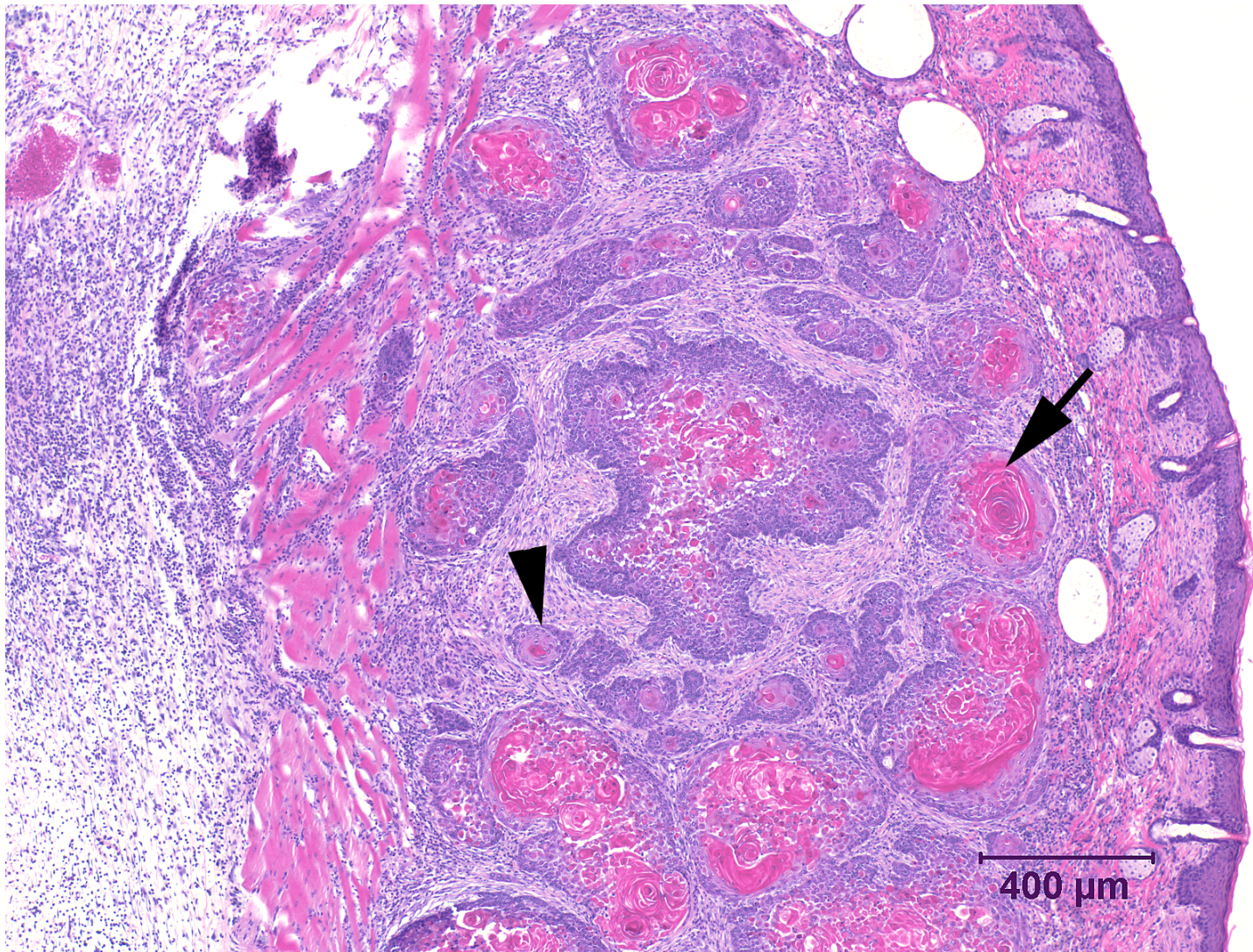


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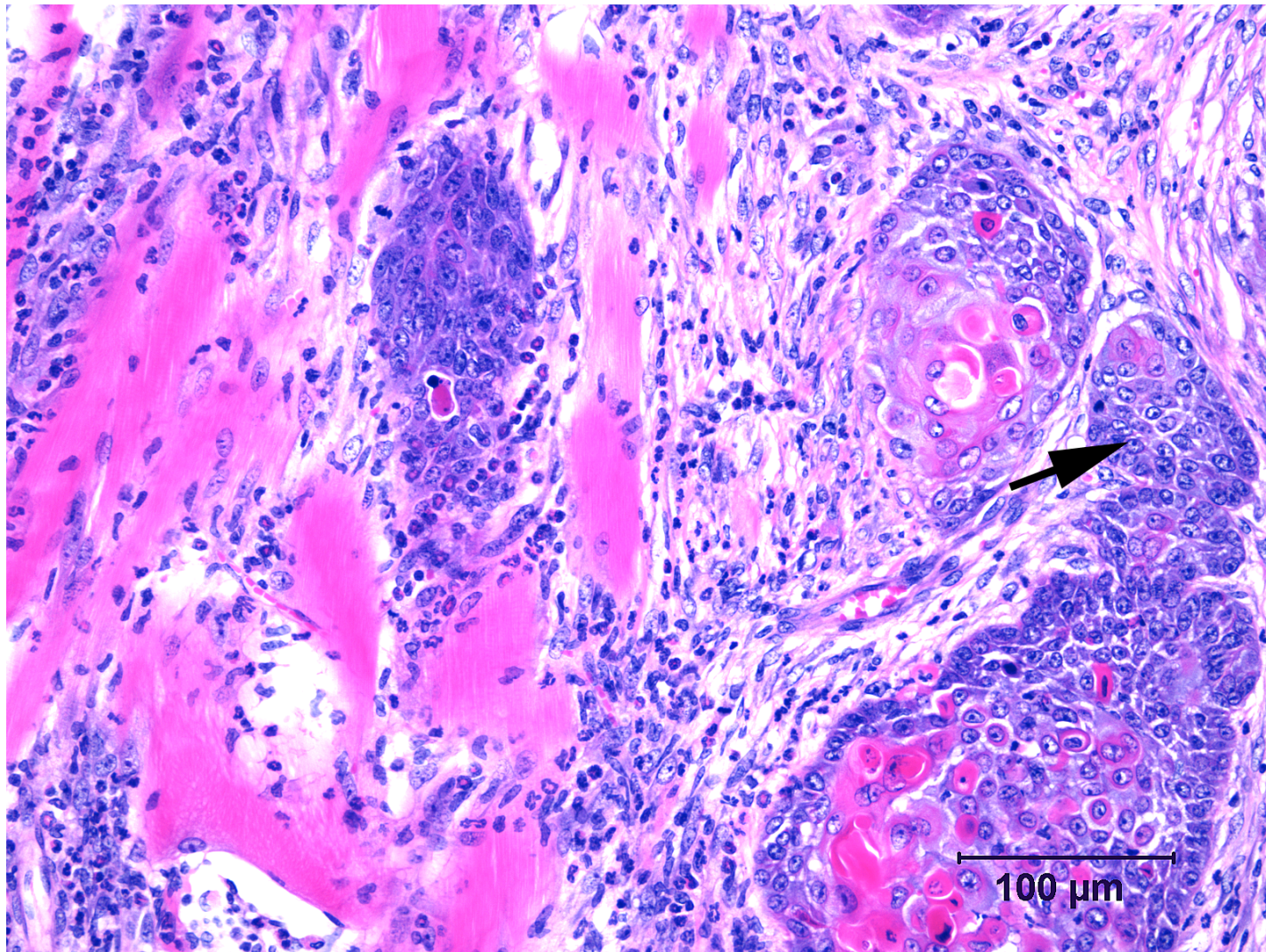


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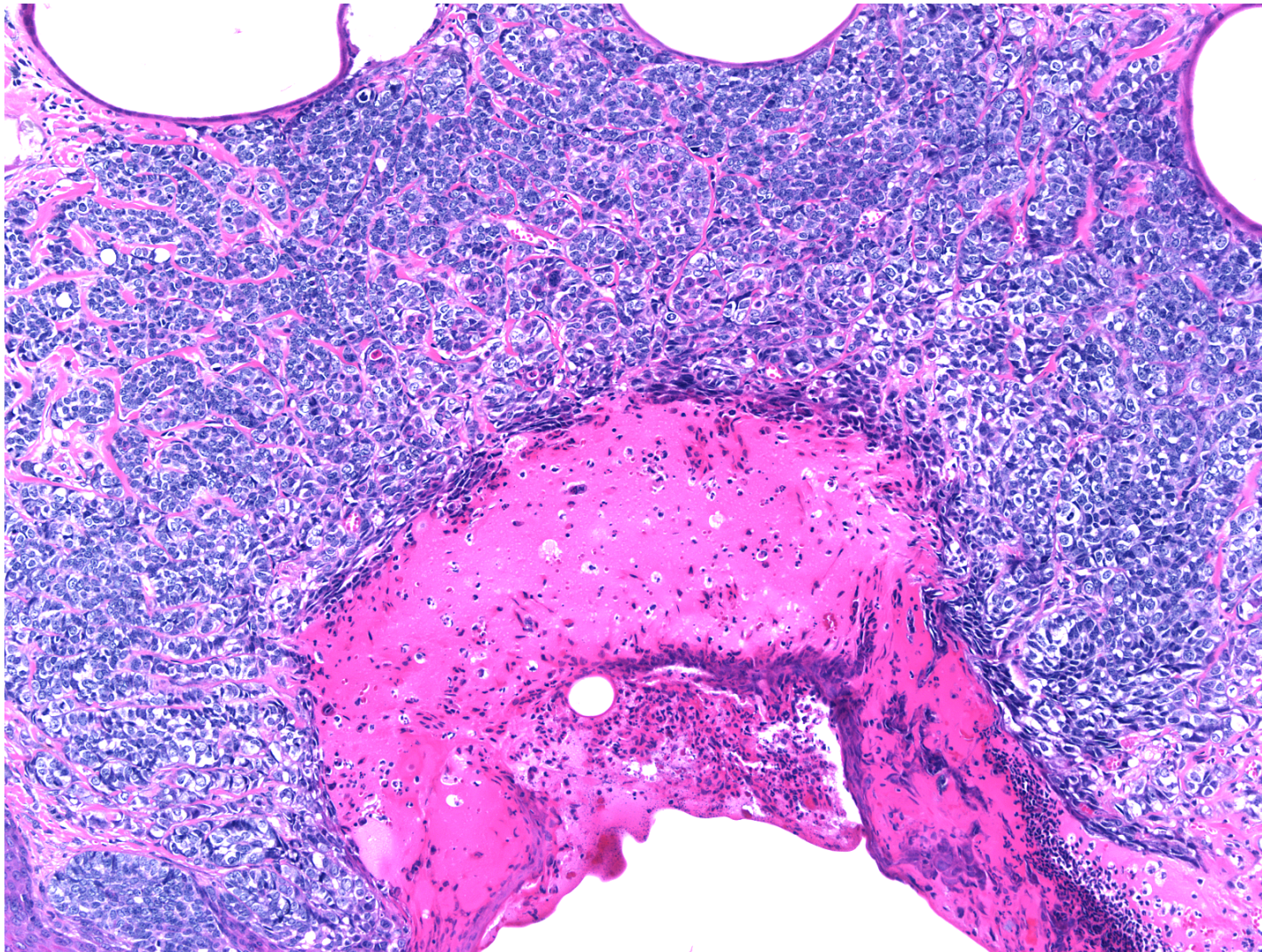
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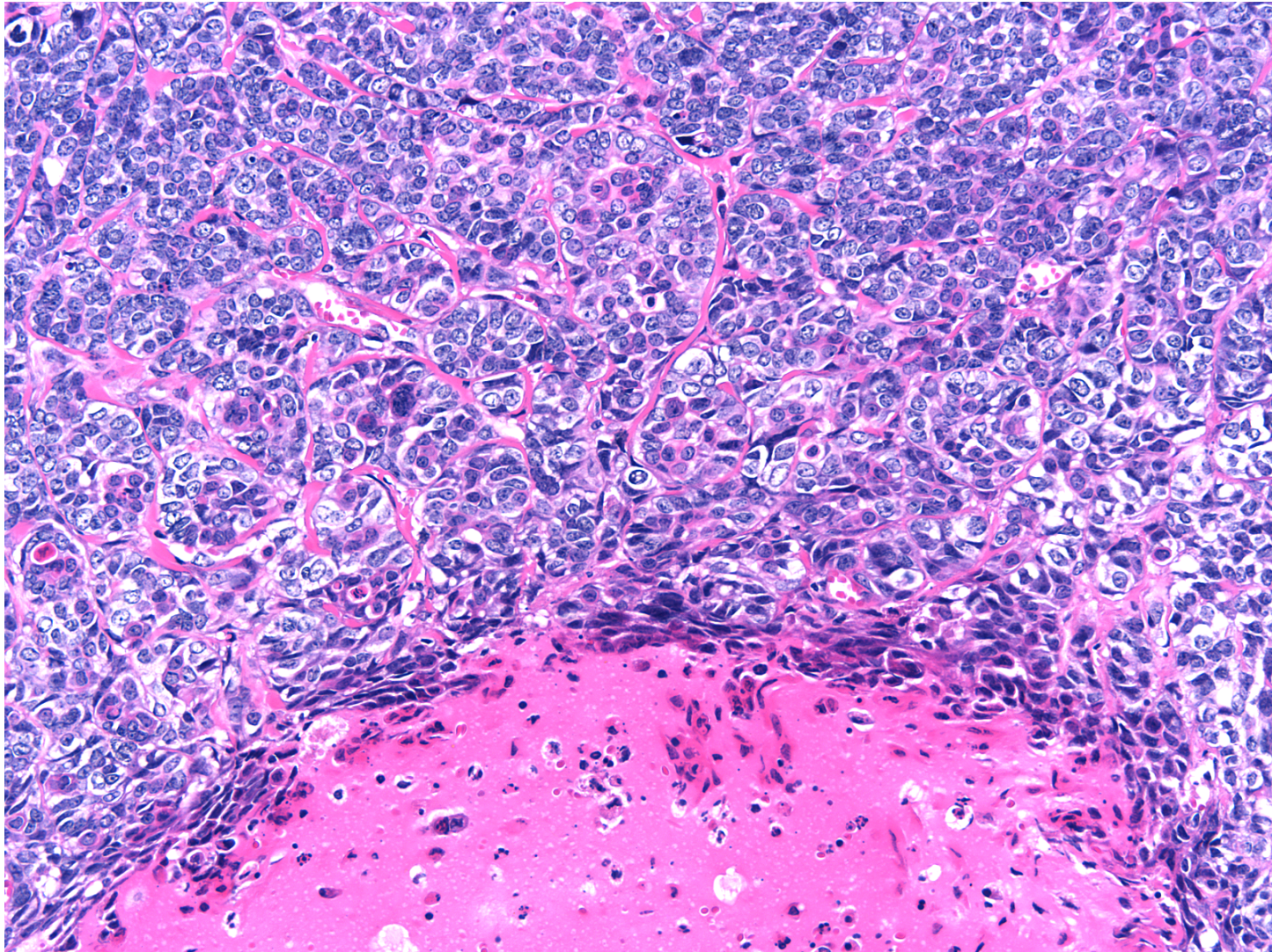
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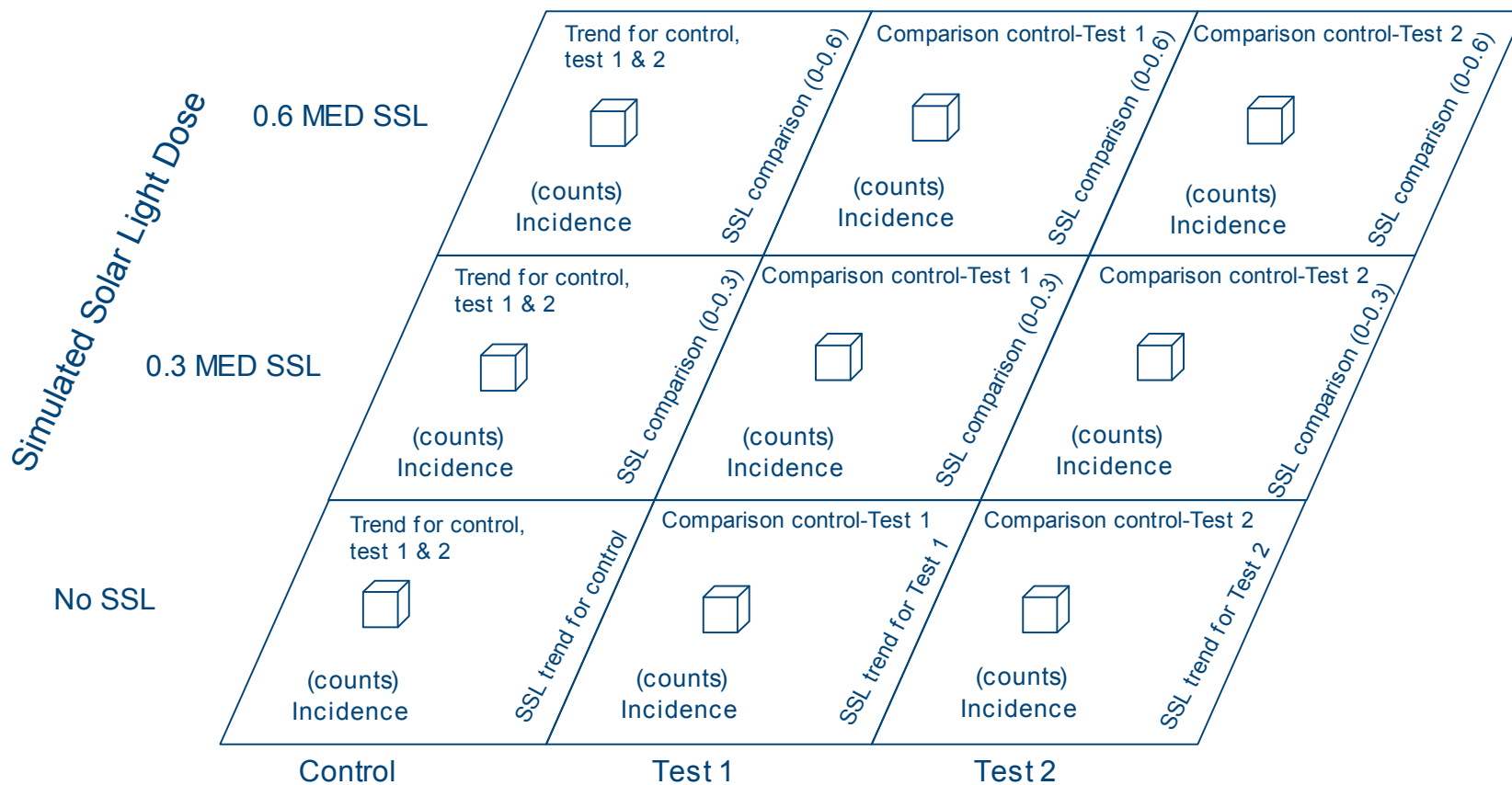




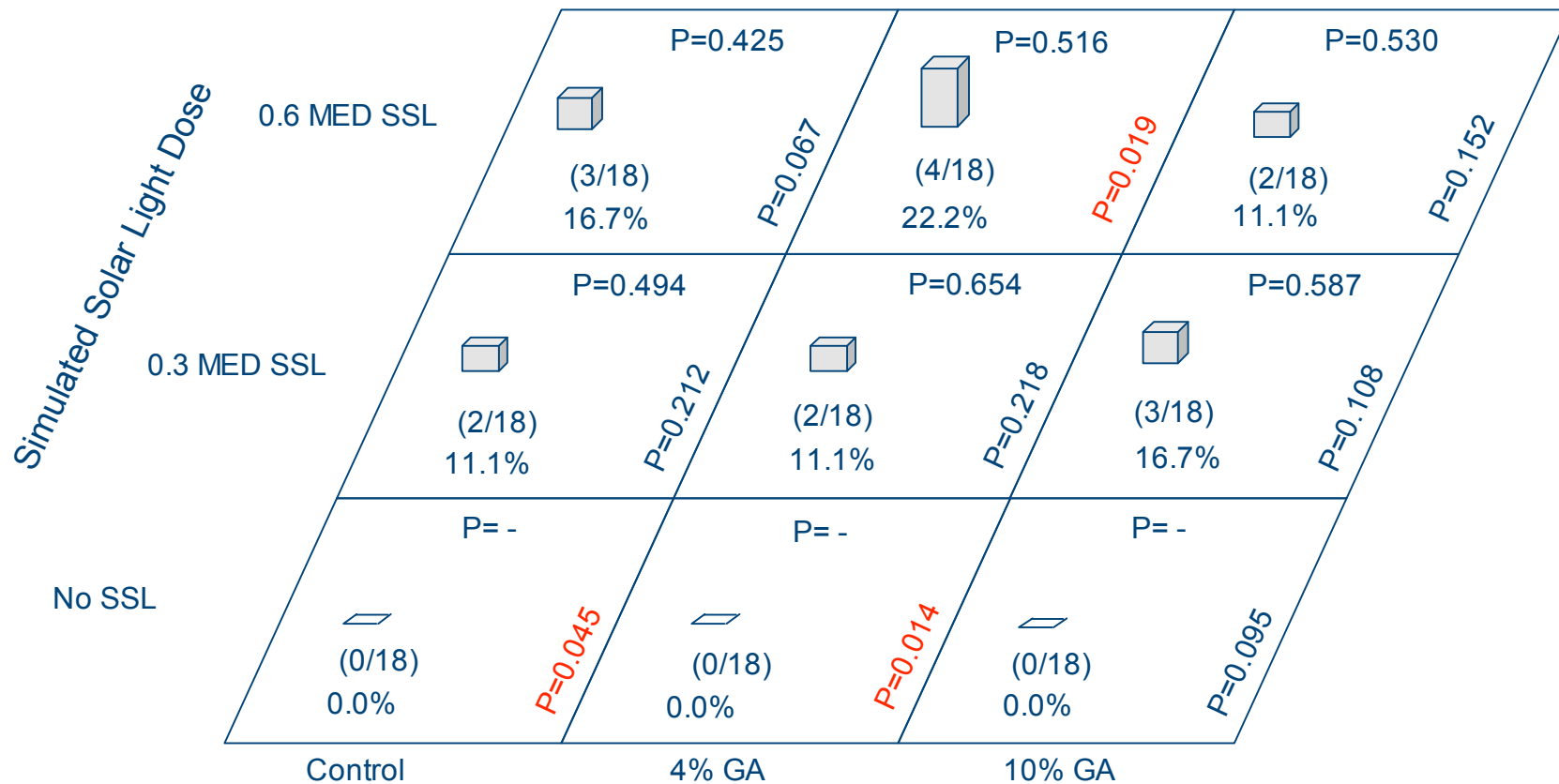
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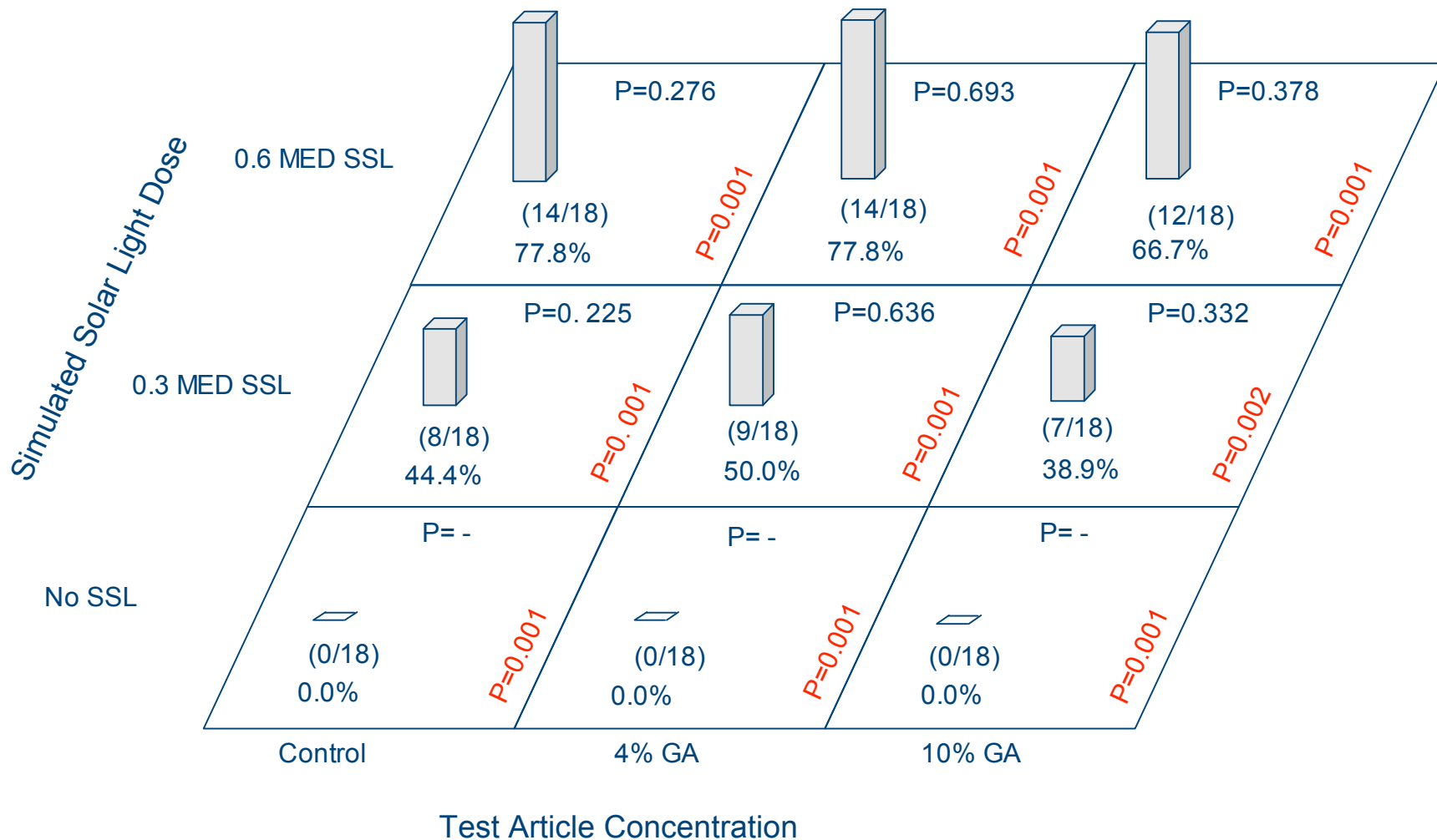


# FEMALE MICE, GLYCOLIC ACID; SQUAMOUS CELL PAPILLOMA



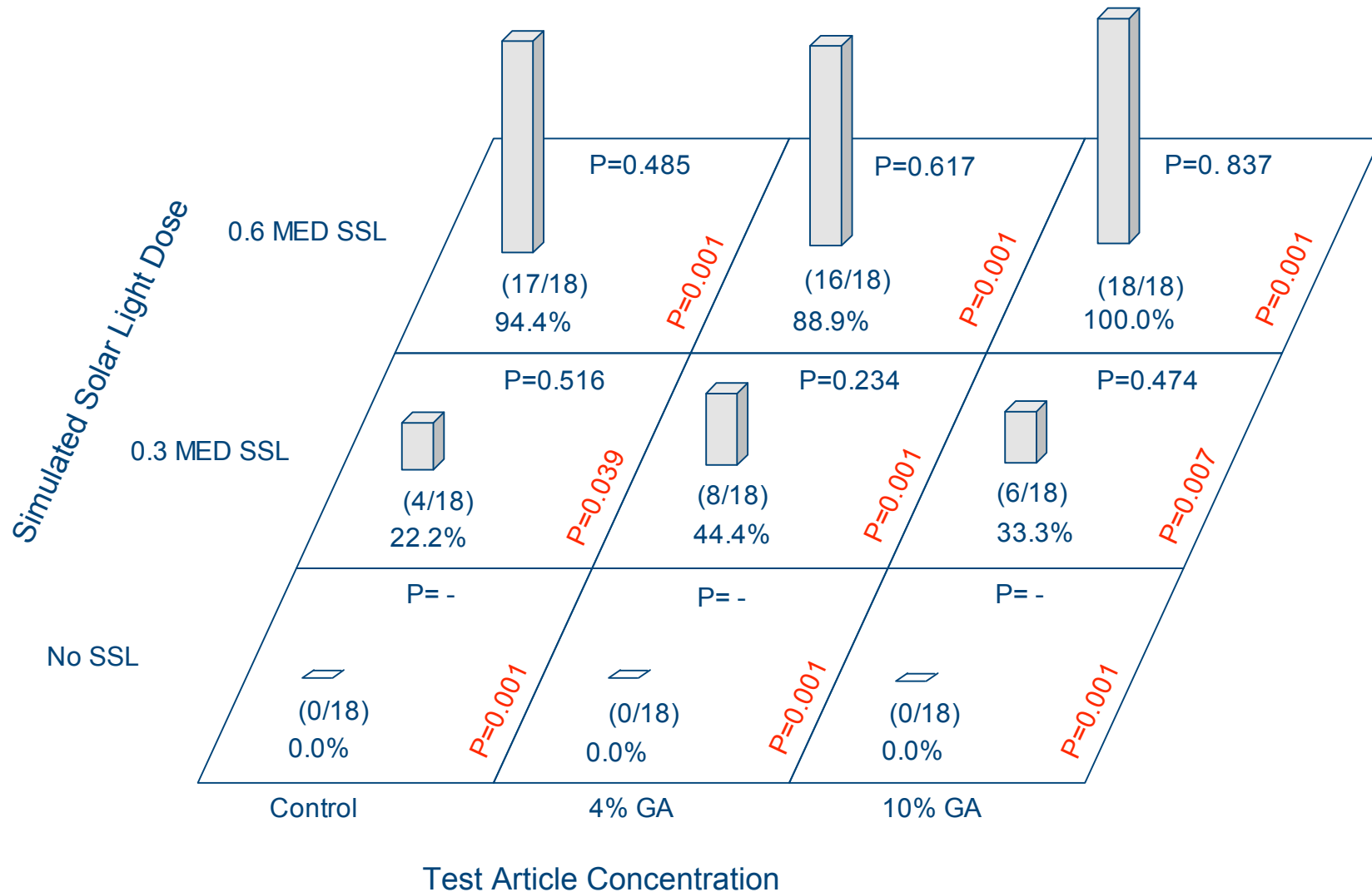
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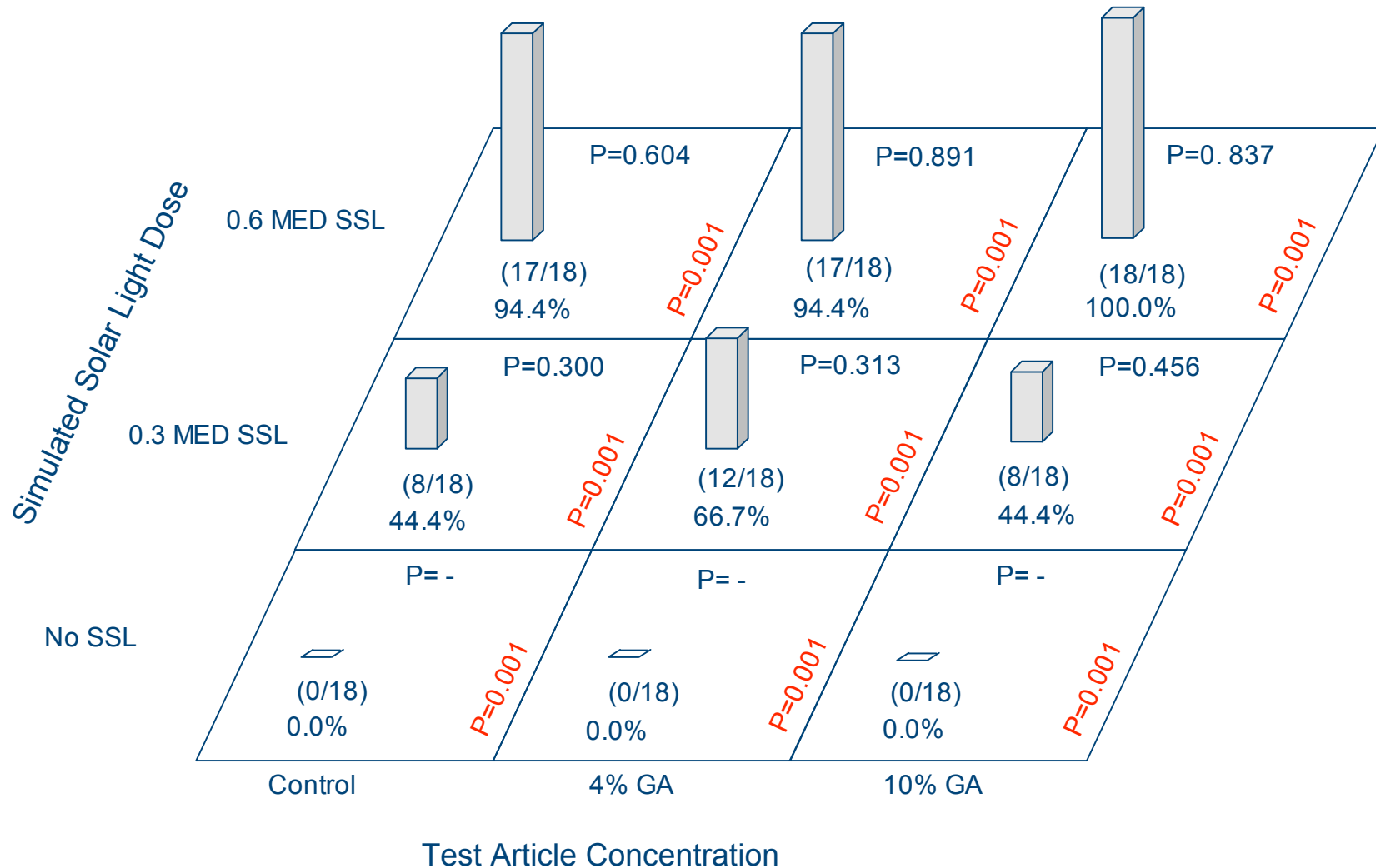




# FEMALE MICE, GLYCOLIC ACID; SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA



# FEMALE MICE, GLYCOLIC ACID; ALL SKIN CANCERS



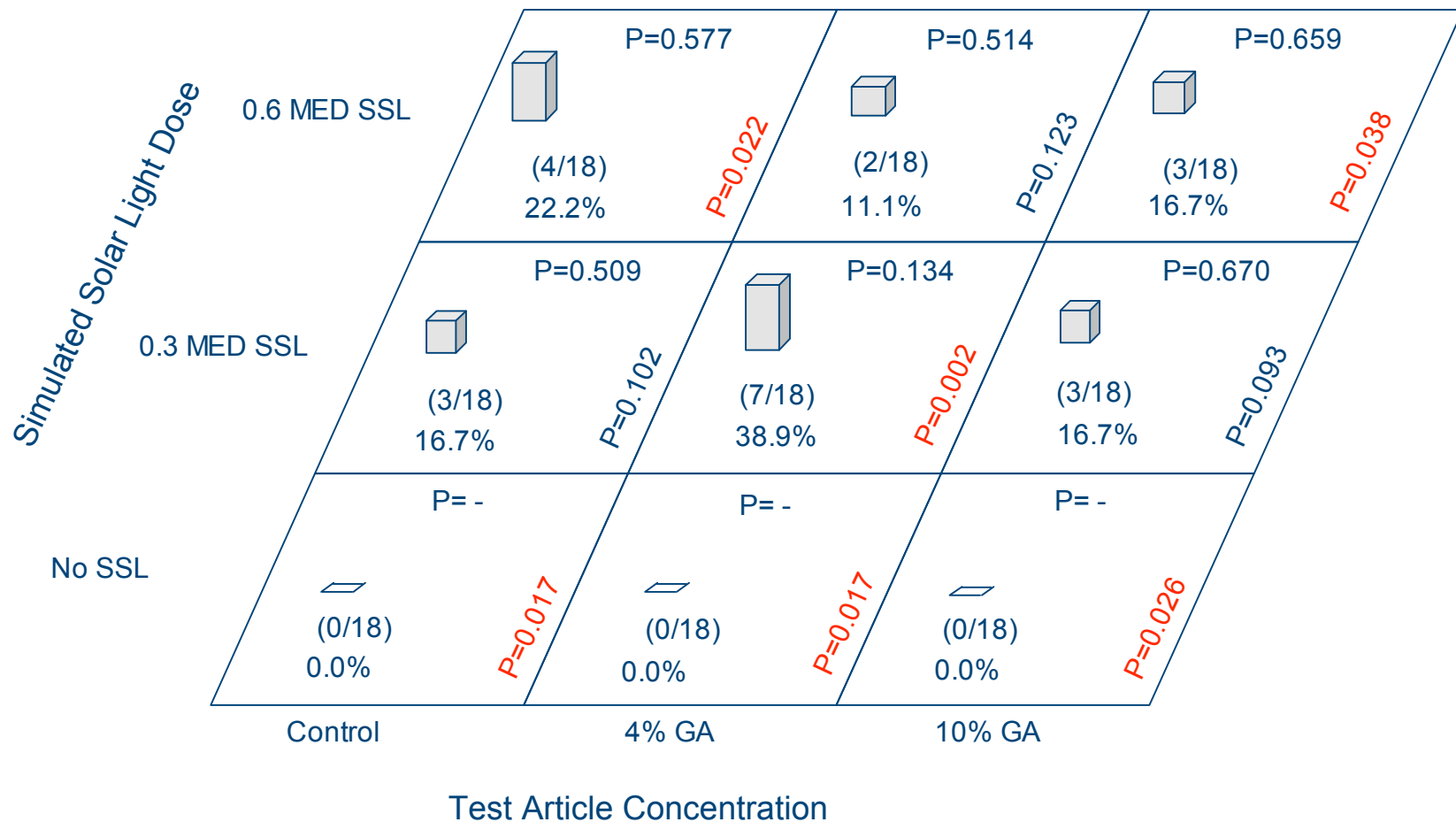
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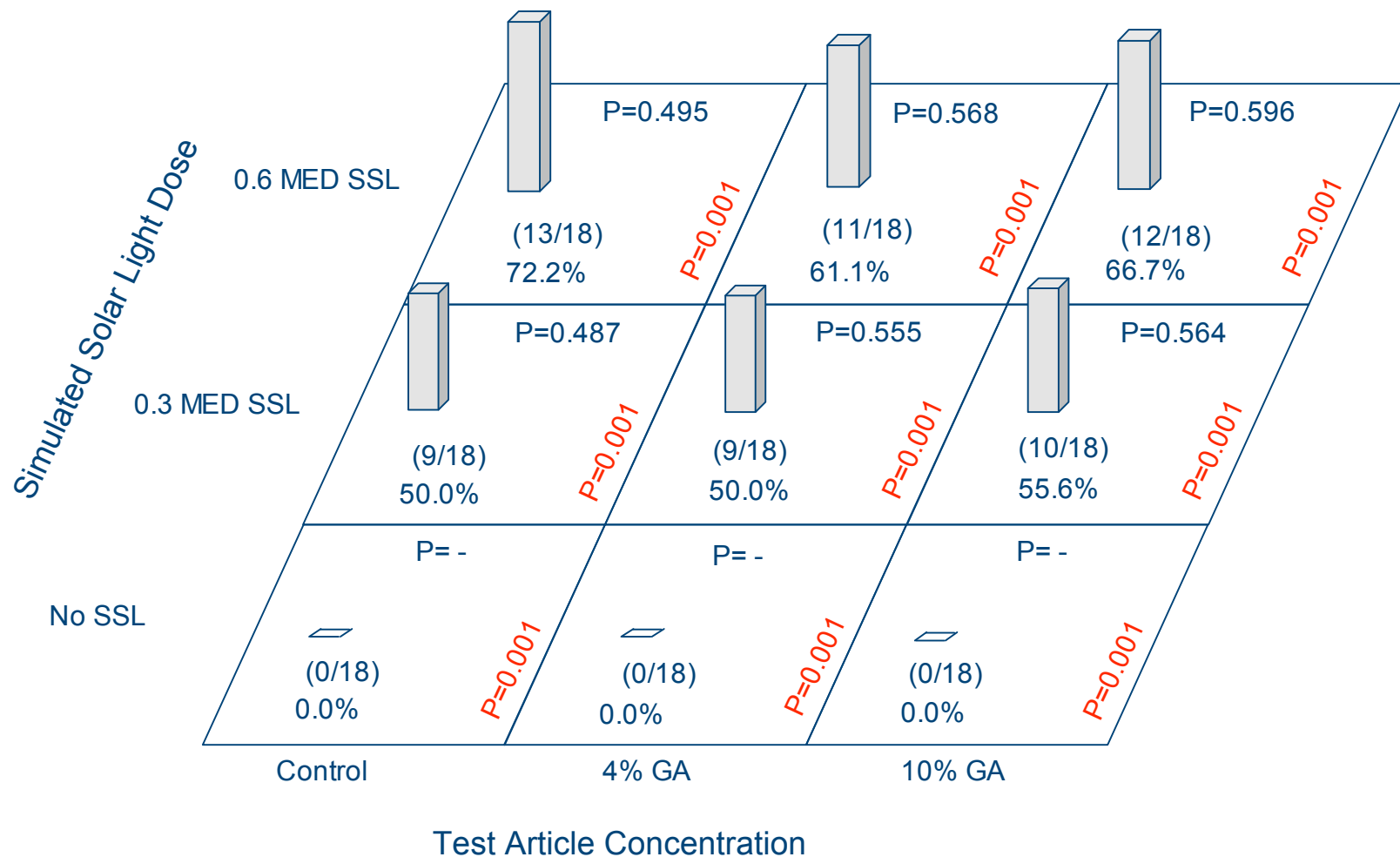
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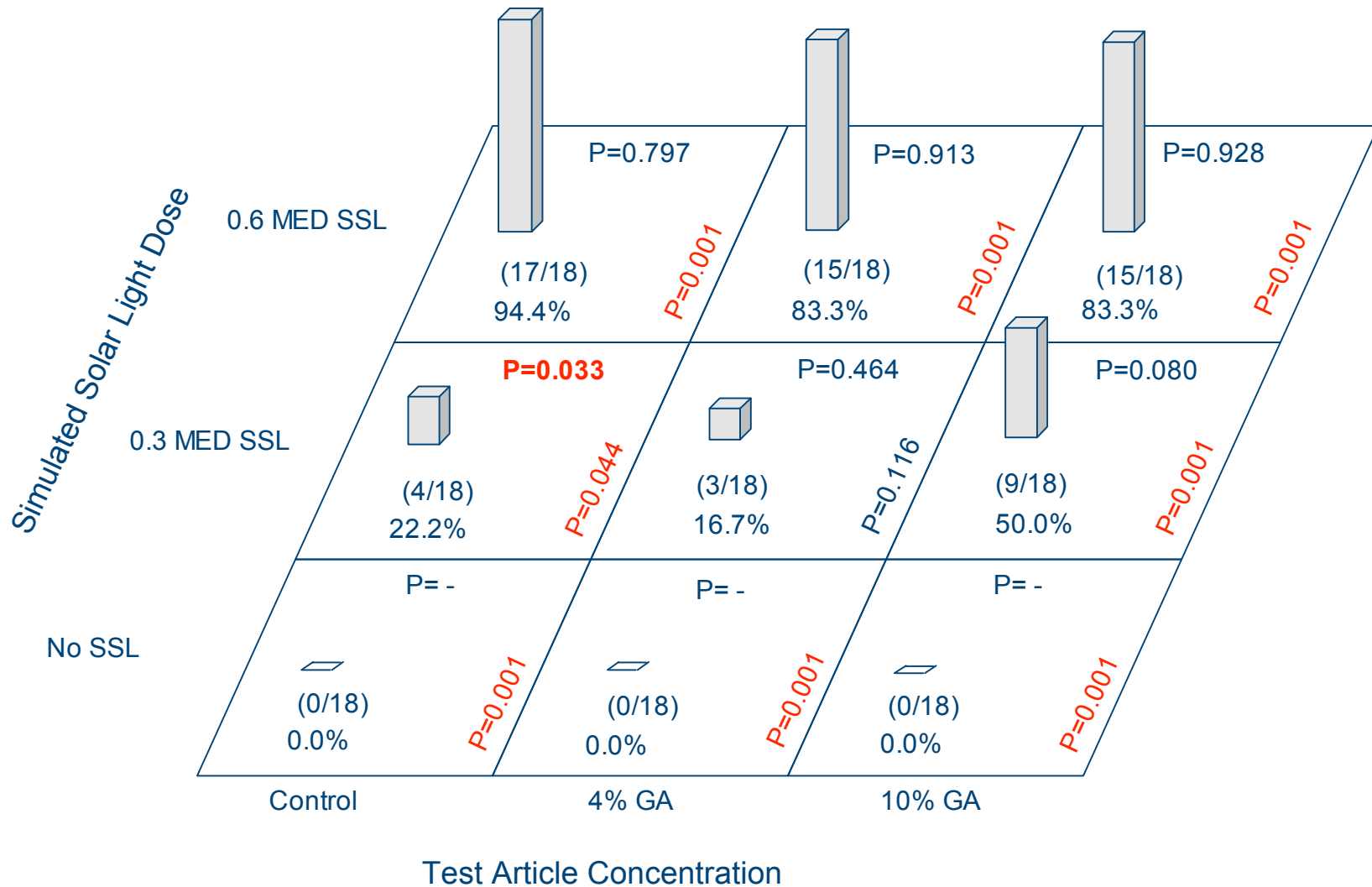


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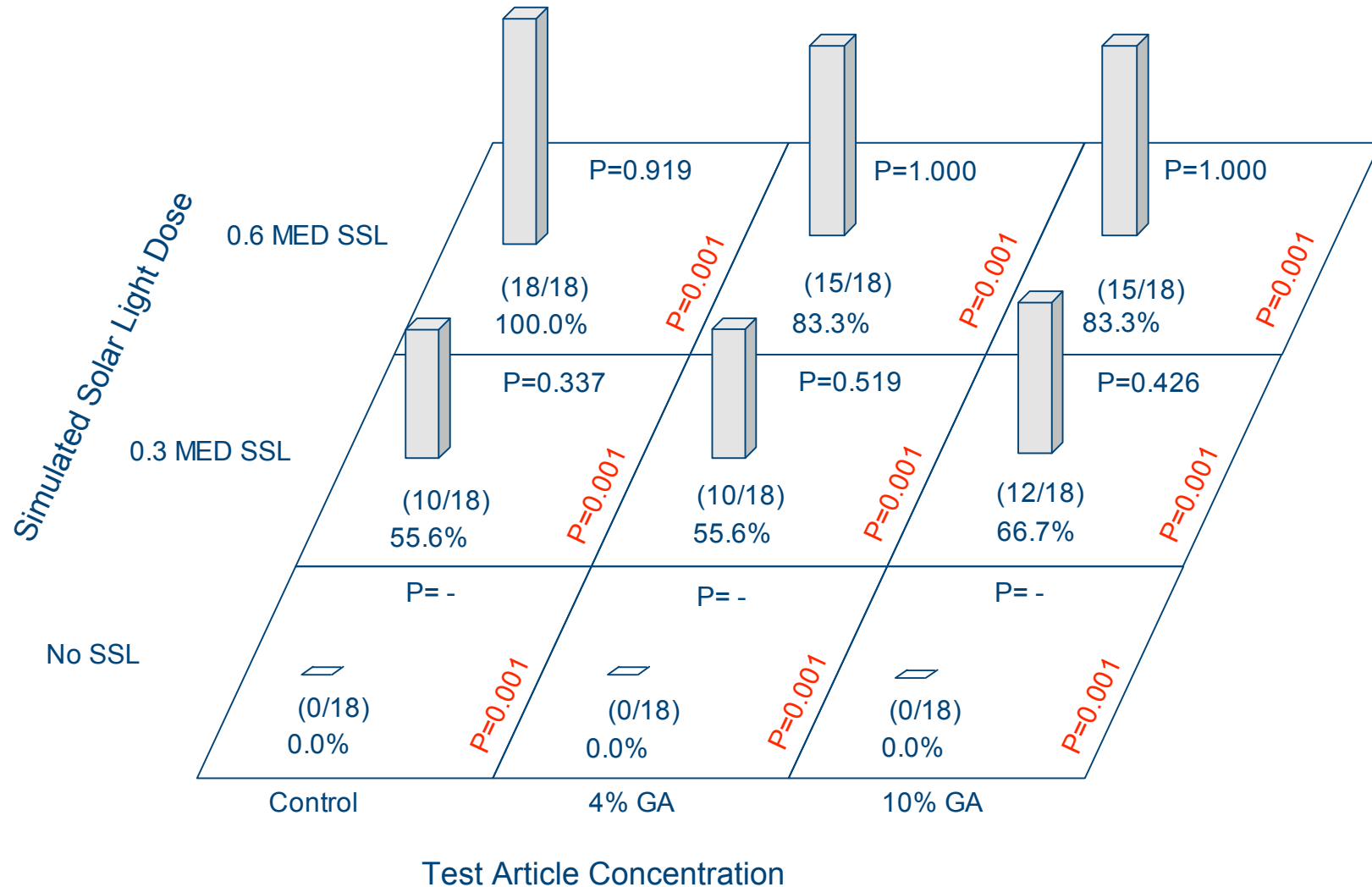




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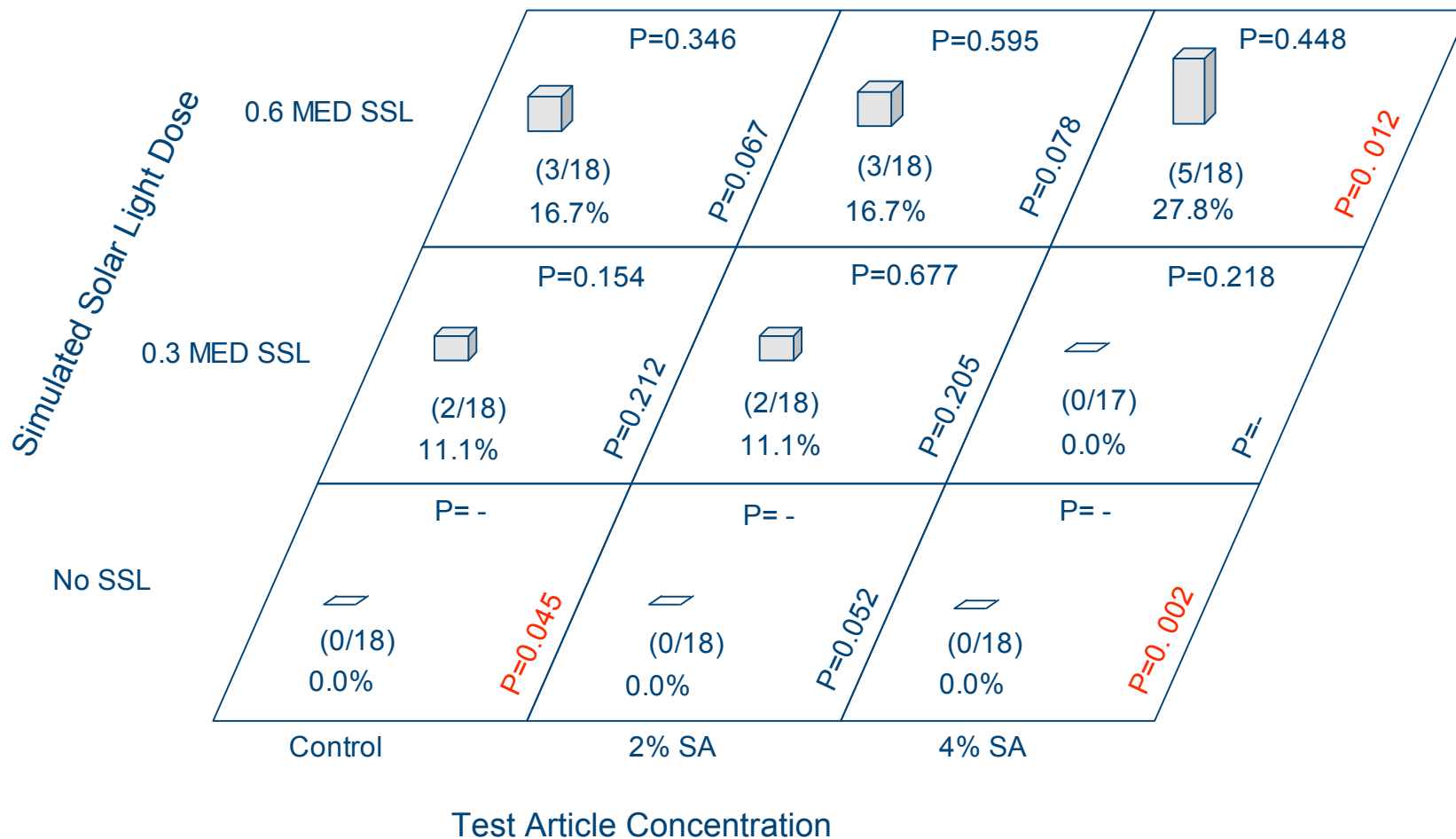


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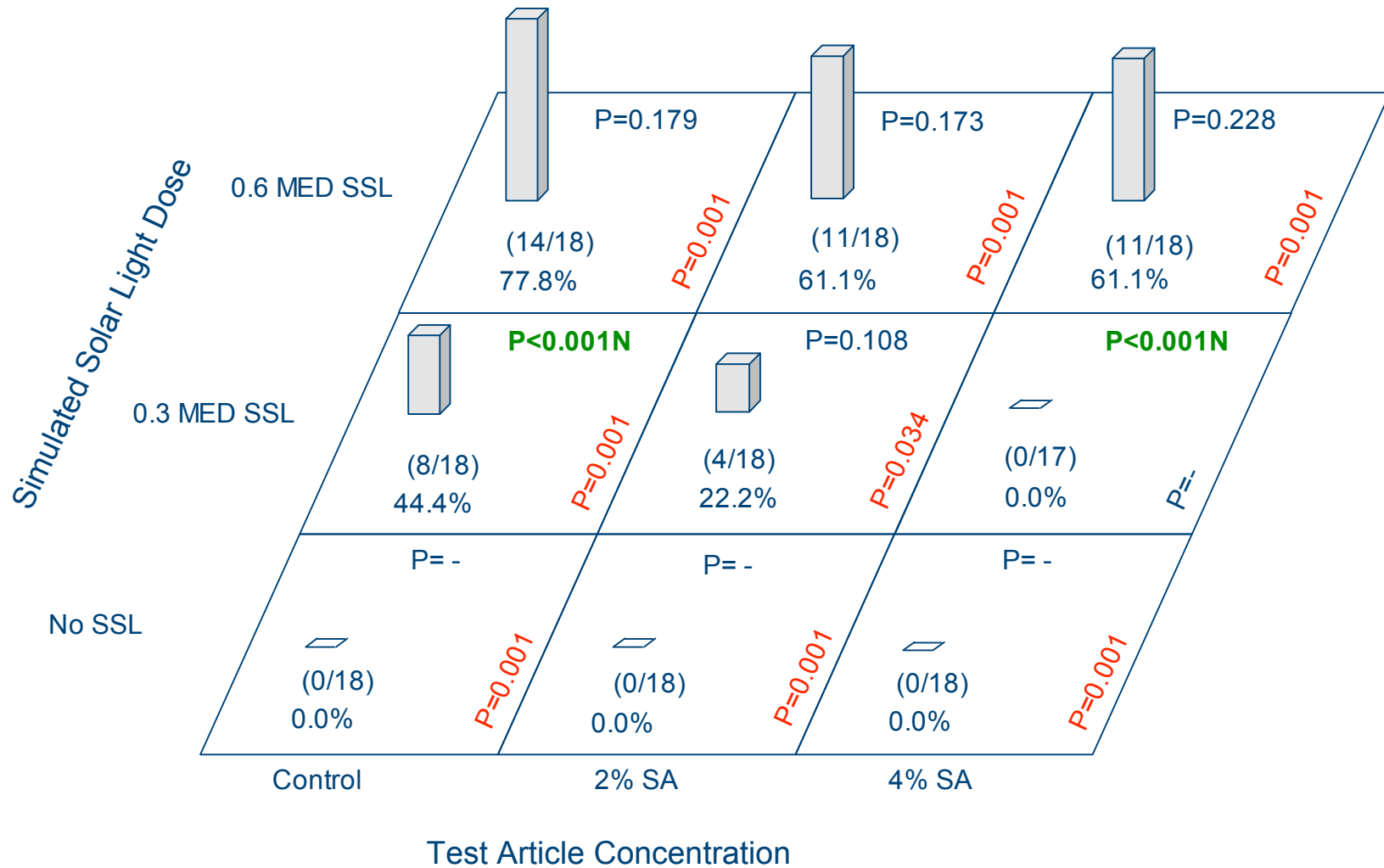
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- Glycolic acid did not affect tumorigenesis of SSL in female mice,
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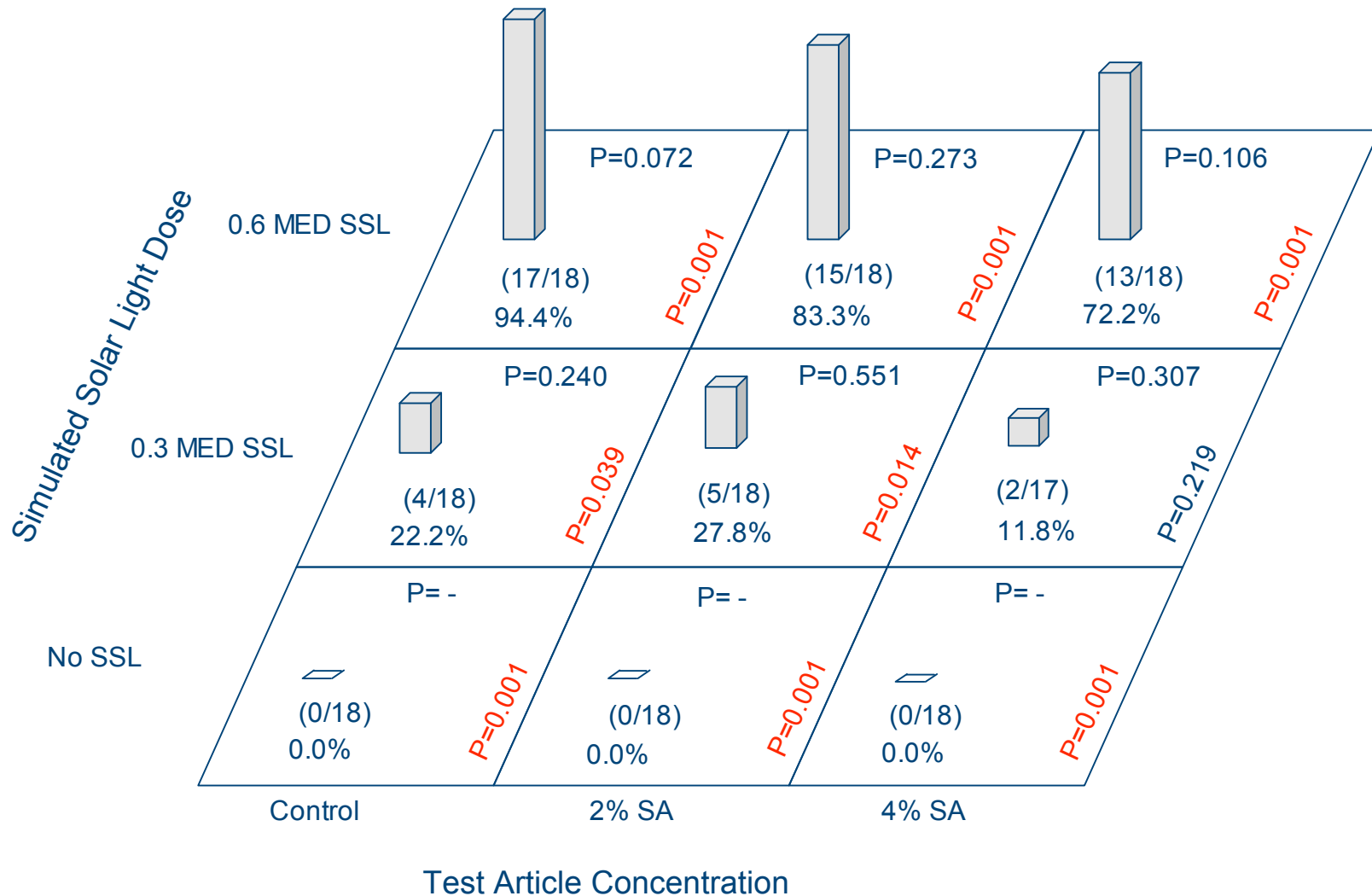
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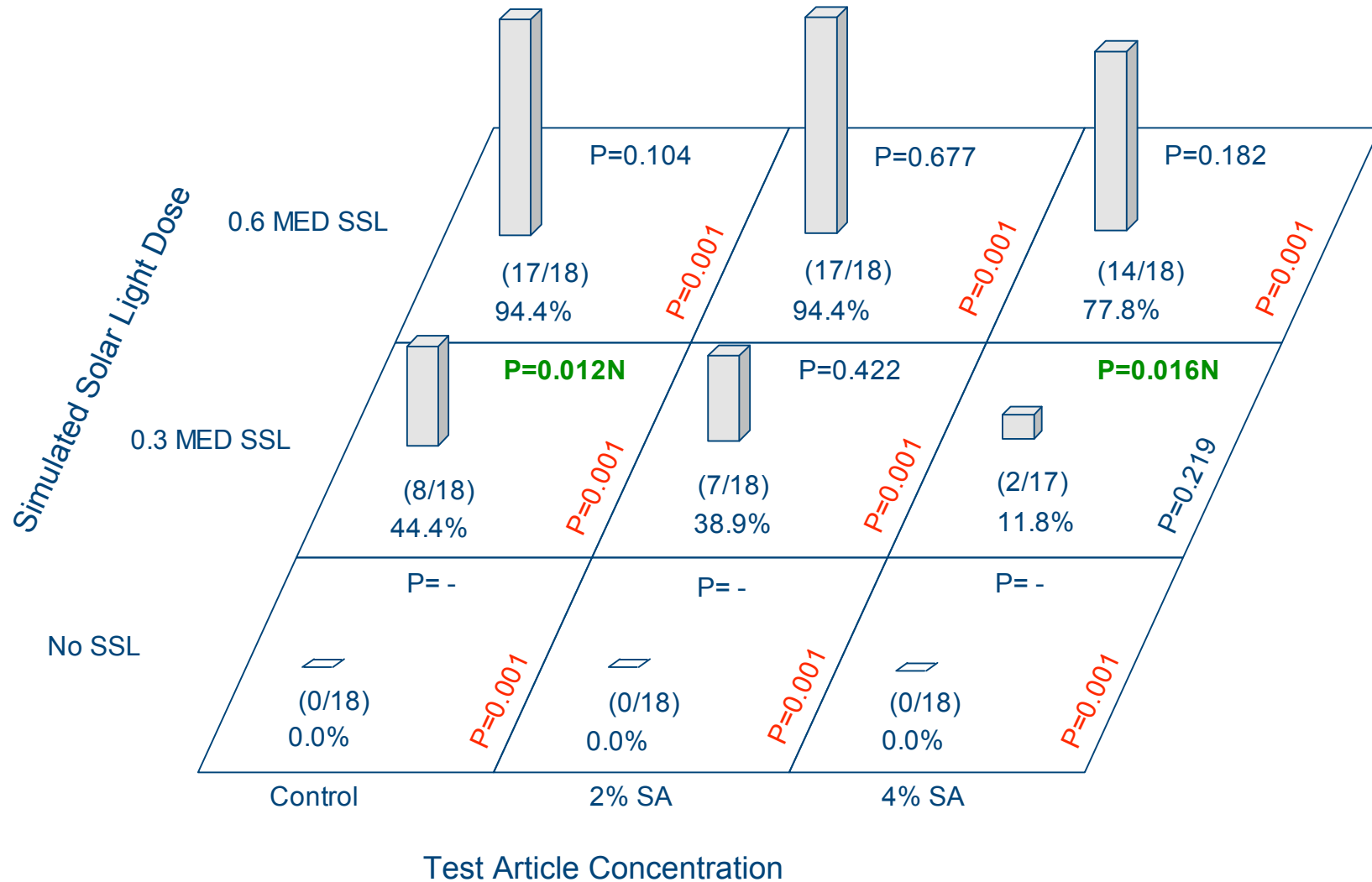


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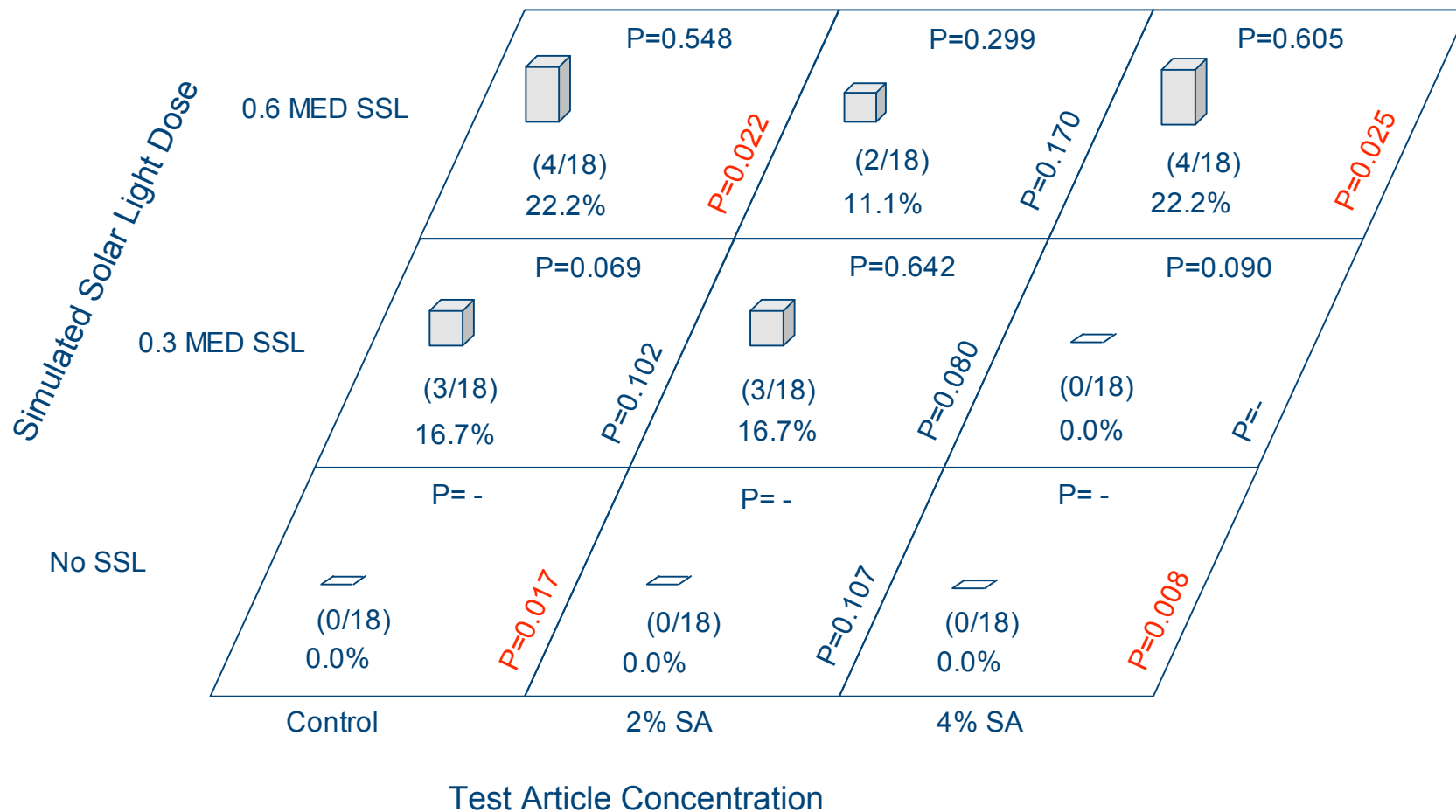


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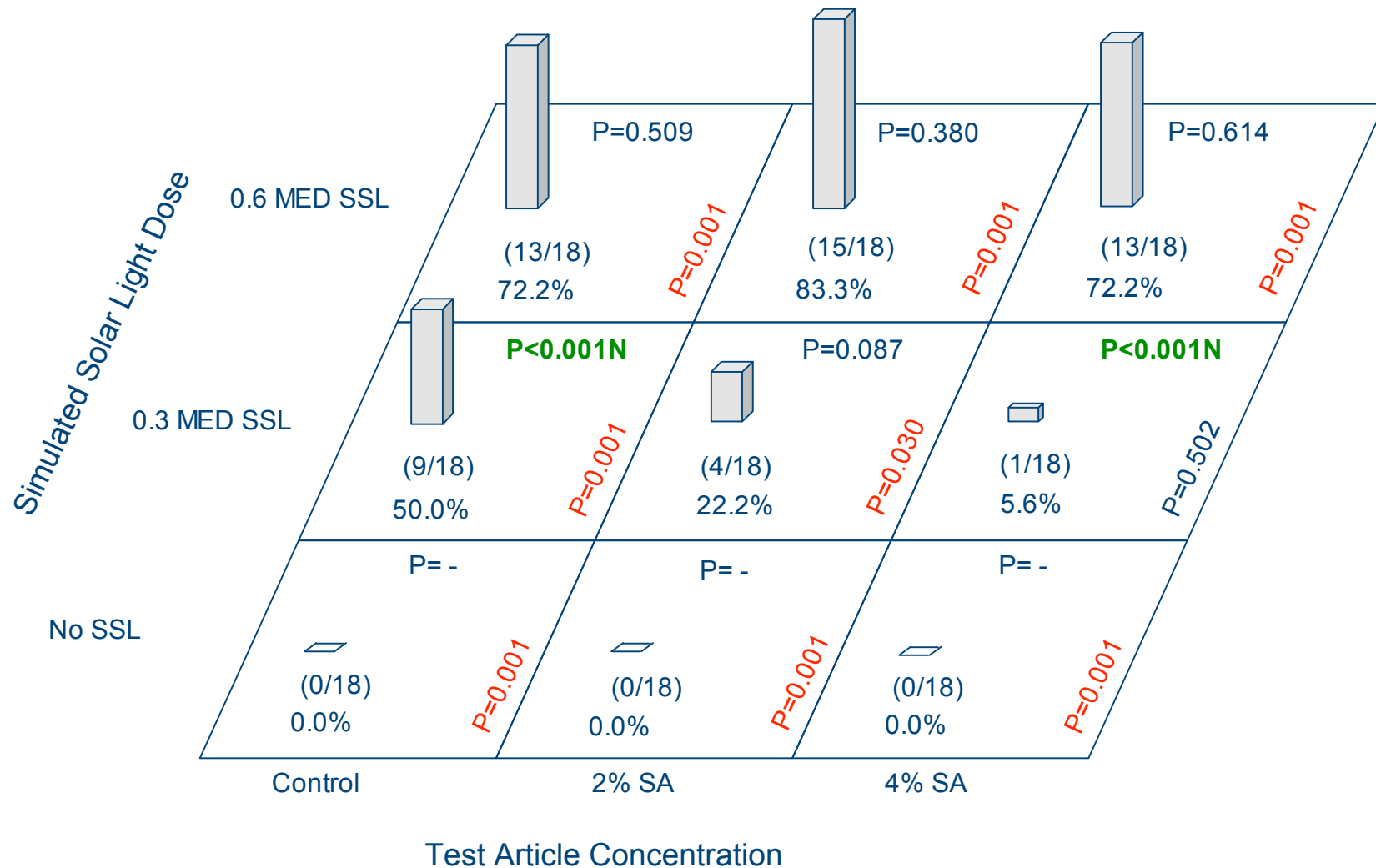
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- Glycolic acid did not affect tumorigenesis of SSL in female mice,
- Glycolic acid did not consistently affect tumorigenesis of SSL in male mice
- Salicylic acid was protective, reducing tumorigenesis of SSL in female mice.

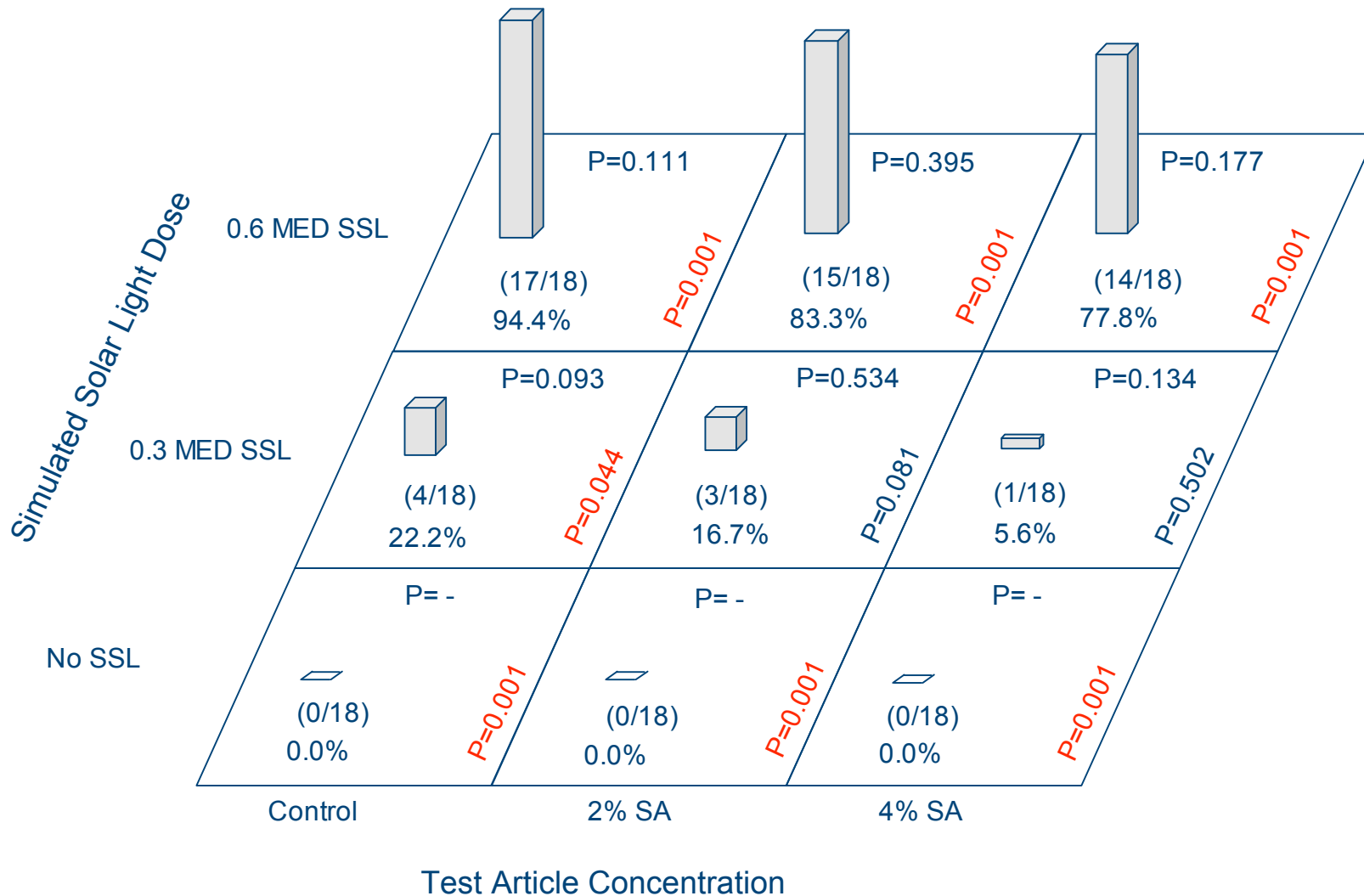
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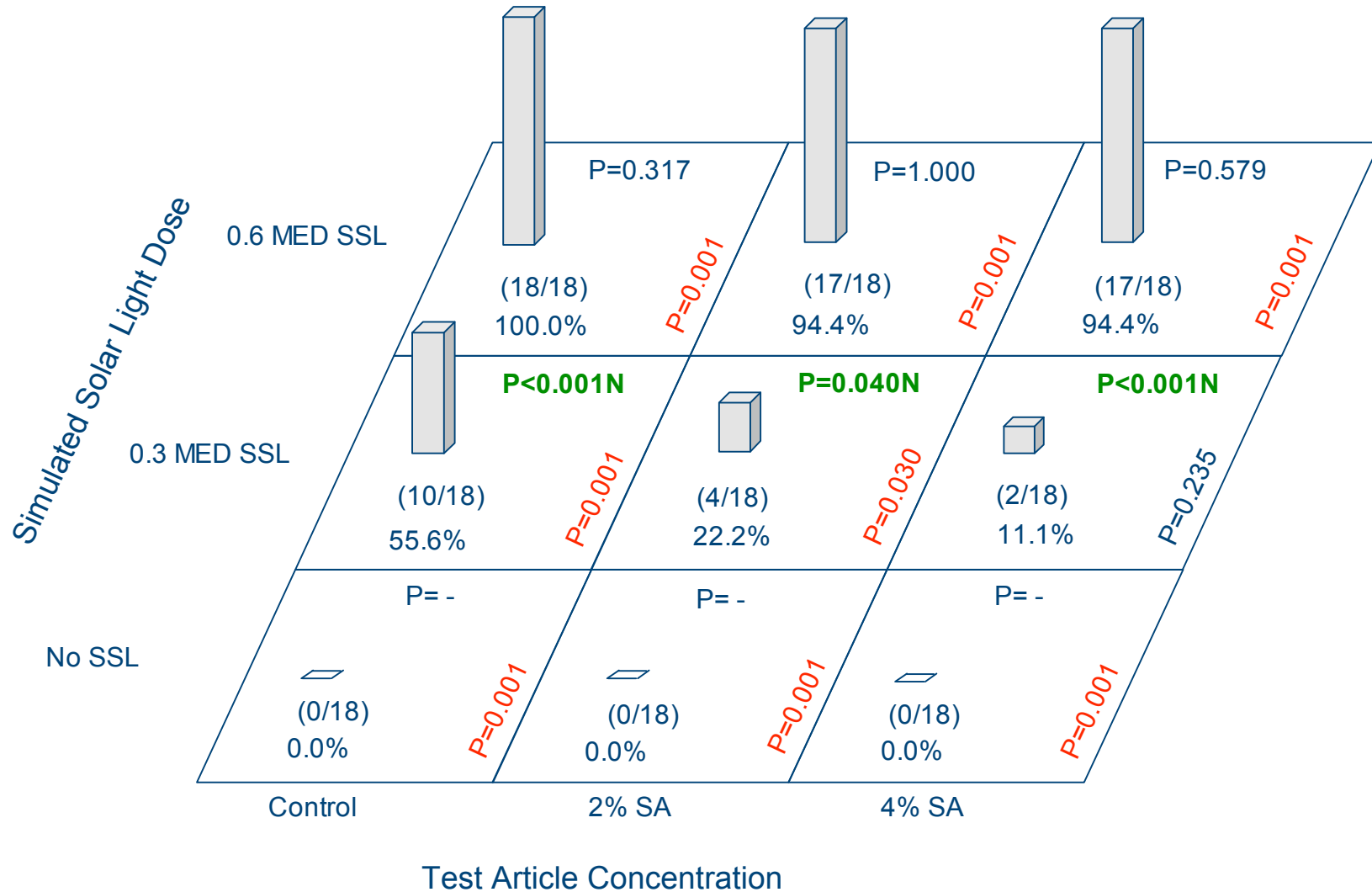
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# MALE MICE, SALICYLIC ACID; ALL SKIN CANCERS



## CONCLUSIONS, PATHOLOGY (4)

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- Glycolic acid did not affect tumorigenesis of SSL in female mice,
- Glycolic acid did not consistently affect tumorigenesis of SSL in male mice
- Salicylic acid was protective, reducing tumorigenesis of SSL in female and male mice.

# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY

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- Tumor multiplicity statistical analyses had not been applied to photococarcinogenicity studies with SKH-1 mice.
- NCP sponsored a Tumor Multiplicity Working group to consider multiplicity modeling:
  - Kodel *et al.*, Kokaska model
  - Dunson *et al.*, applied to Tg.AC



# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY

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The Tumor Multiplicity Working Group requested that we:

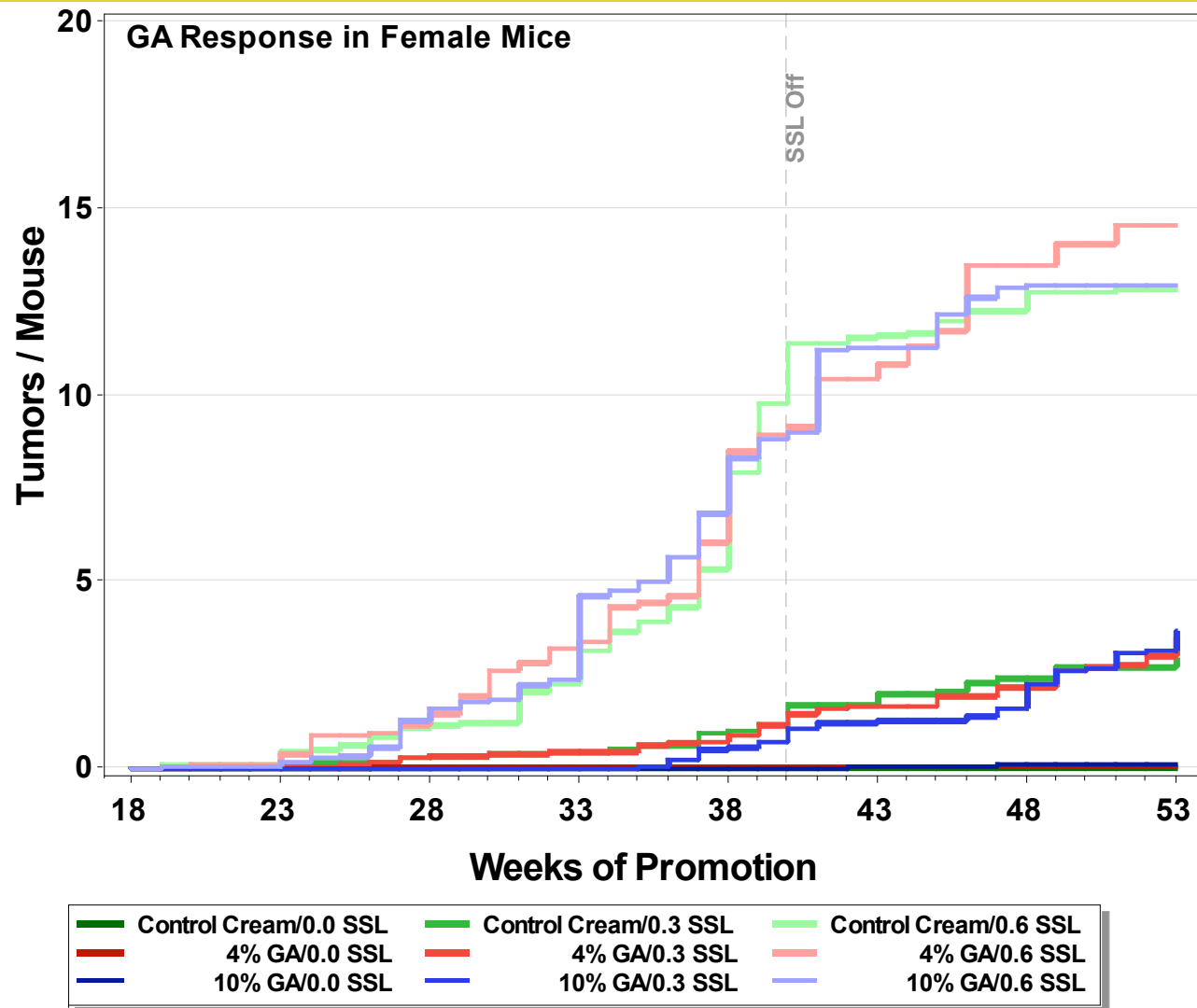
- (1) Revisit modeling method, use point-process regression modeling approach. ✓
- (a) Anderson-Gill multiplicative intensity point process regression model. ✓
- (b) Tumor type model.
- (c) Tumor growth model.

# MODELING APPROACHES USED FOR TUMOR MULTIPLICITY

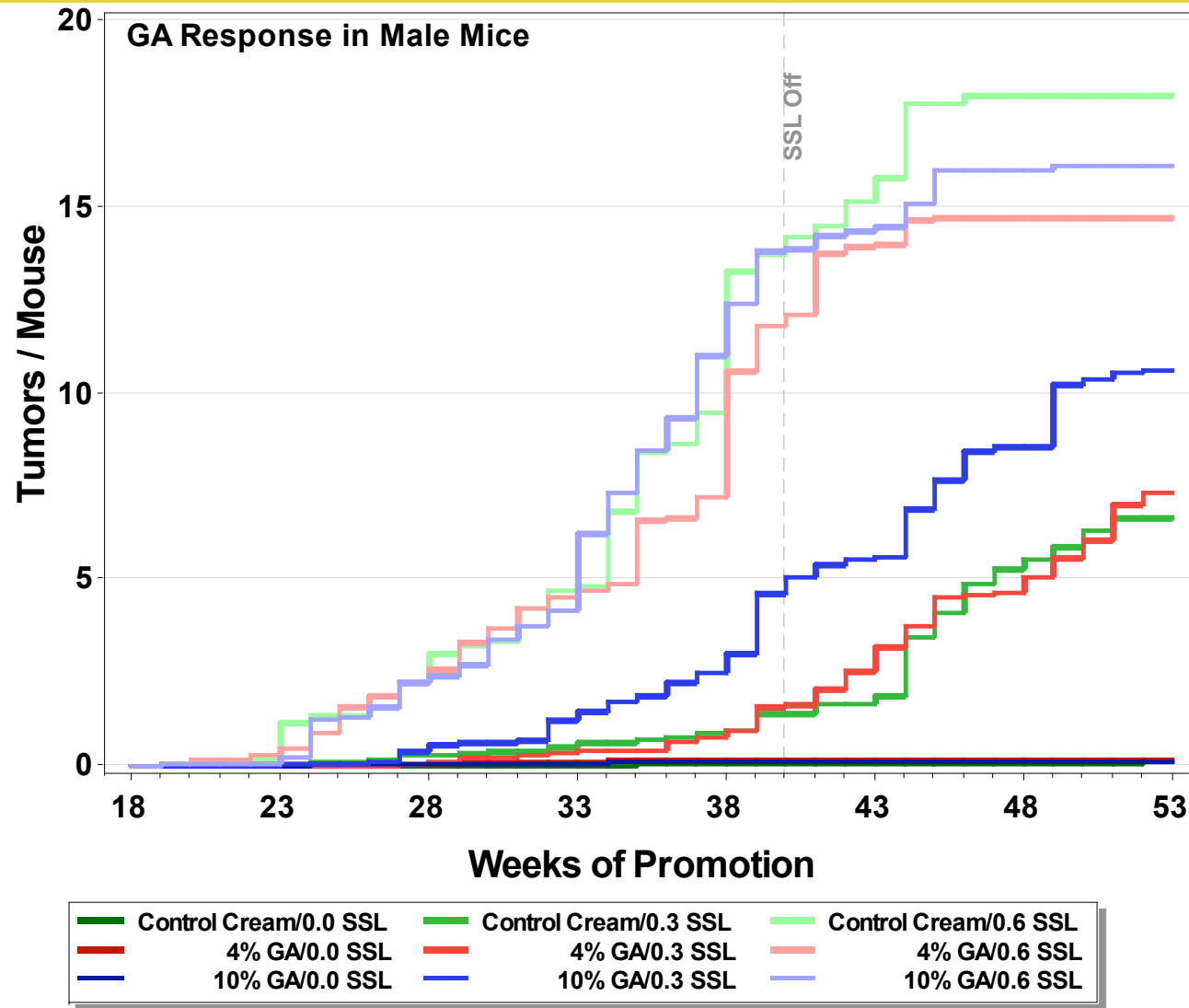
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- (i) Anderson-Gill multiplicative intensity point process regression model.
- (ii) Mann-Whitney U-test (nonparametric Akritas-Arnold, essentially Kruskal-Wallis) as used in SENCAR mouse studies (LOCF; pairwise comparison at 40-week asymptote).
- (iii) Wei-Lin-Weissfeld recurrent event model.

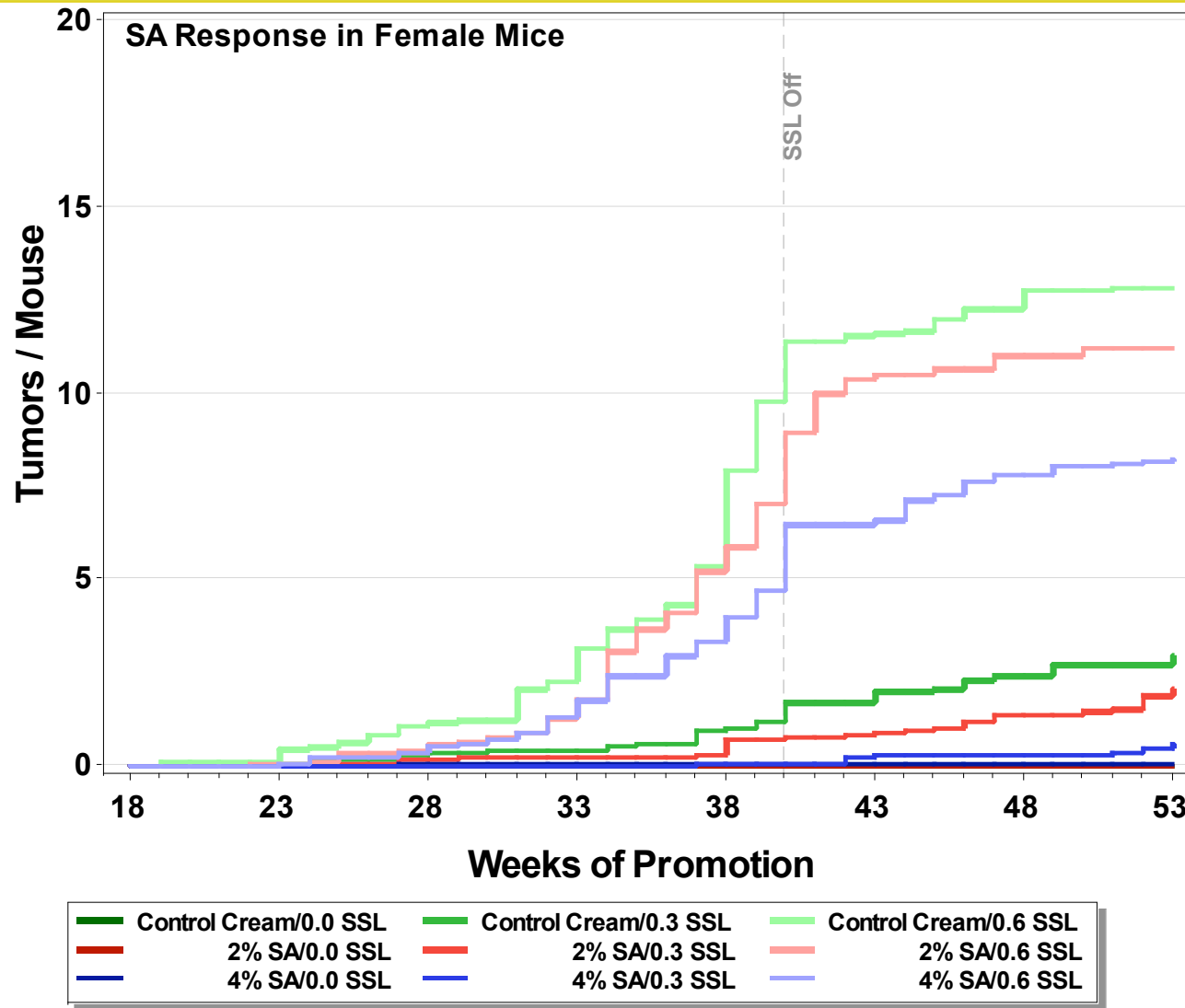
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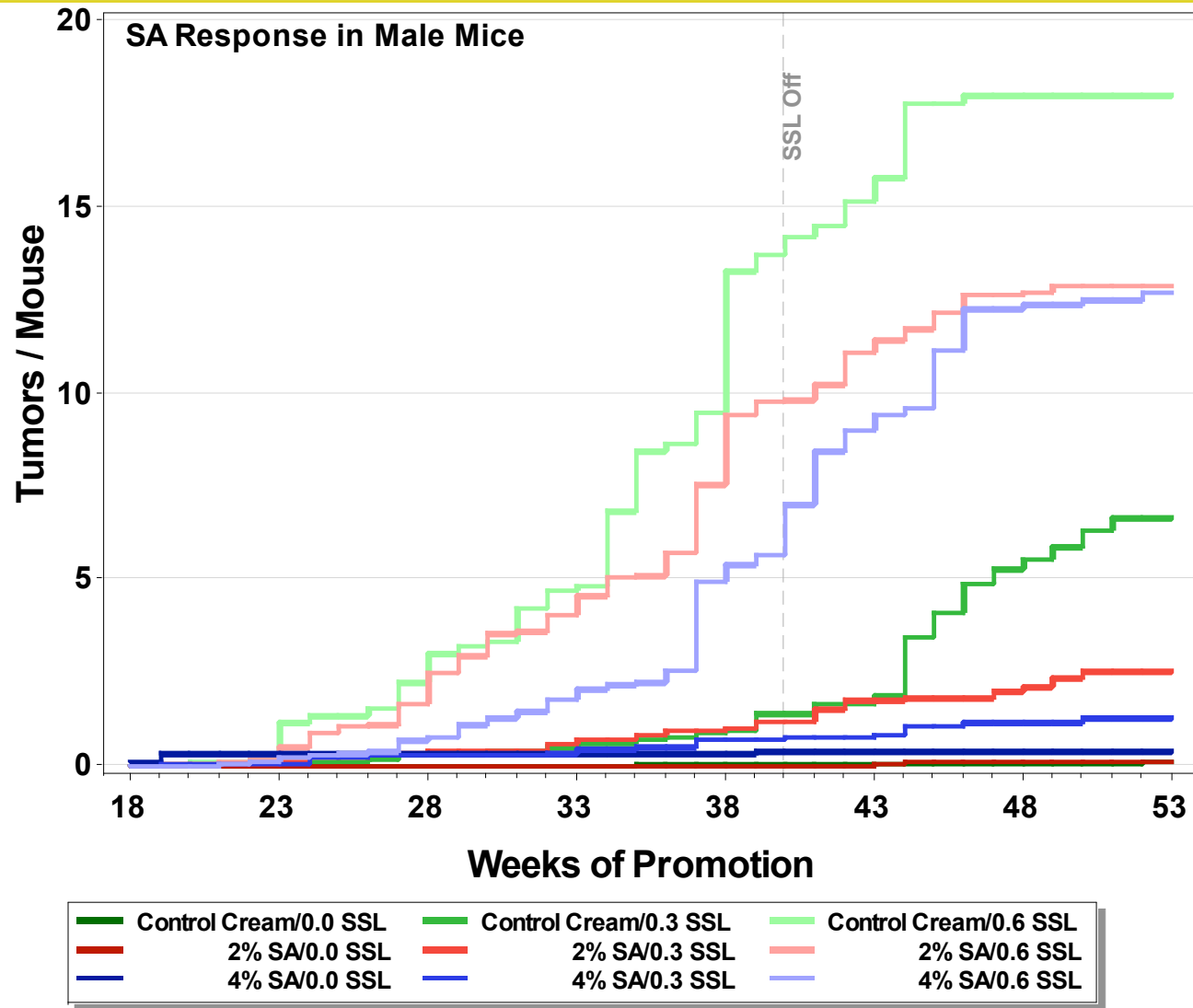


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# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY, MALE MICE, SALICYLIC ACID



# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY, ANDERSON-GILL METHOD

----- Female -----

----- Male -----

	Vehicle	4% GA	10% GA	Vehicle	4% GA	10% GA
Relative Hazard Ratio						
0.3 MED	100%	108%	106%	100%	98%	<b>166%</b> <i>p=0.042</i>
0.6 MED	100%	110%	105%	100%	109%	105%

# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY, ANDERSON-GILL METHOD

----- Female -----

----- Male -----

	Vehicle	2% SA	4% SA	Vehicle	2% SA	4% SA
Relative Hazard Ratio						
0.3 MED	100%	62%	18% <i>p=0.031</i>	100%	37% <i>p=0.008</i>	16% <i>p&lt;0.001</i>
0.6 MED	100%	75% <i>p&lt;0.001</i>	52% <i>p&lt;0.001</i>	100%	61% <i>p=0.004</i>	54% <i>p=0.002</i>

## CONCLUSIONS, TUMOR MULTIPLICITY (1)

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Only effect of glycolic acid was in male mice,

- 10% glycolic acid increased the tumor multiplicity relative risk at 0.3 MED/day.

Application of salicylic acid,

- decreased risk at 2% SA and 4% SA at both doses of SSL in males,

- decreased risk in females with 4% SA at 0.3 MED/day, and with 2% SA and 4% SA at 0.6 MED/day.

# SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

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Application of control cream,  
- increased SSL effect (mean time to tumor,  
all skin cancers).



## SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

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The application of cream containing **glycolic acid** had an inconsistent effect:

- decreased mean time-to-tumor and increased squamous cell carcinoma only at 0.3 MED in male mice, and only with dose-trend analysis,
- tumor multiplicity was increased only in male mice at 10% GA and 0.3 MED.

## SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

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The application of cream containing **salicylic acid** was in general protective:

- at 4% SA, increased time to tumor, decreased carcinoma *in situ* and all cancers, and tumor multiplicity at 0.3 MED/day (both sexes),
- decreased multiplicity at all doses of light and salicylic acid doses (except 2% SA, 0.3 MED/day, females).

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# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY, AKRITAS-ARNOLD METHOD

	Vehicle	4% GA	10% GA	Vehicle	2% SA	4% SA
<b>Female</b>						
<b>0.3 MED</b>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>p&lt;0.001</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>p&lt;0.001</i>
<b>0.6 MED</b>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>p=0.006</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>p=0.006</i>
<b>Male</b>						
<b>0.3 MED</b>	<i>p=0.006</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>p=0.005</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>
<b>0.6 MED</b>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>p=0.004</i>	<i>ns</i>	<i>p=0.004</i>

# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY, WEI-LIN-WEISSFELD METHOD

----- Female -----

----- Male -----

	Vehicle	4% GA	10% GA	Vehicle	4% GA	10% GA
Relative Hazard Ratio						
0.3 MED	100%	108%	106%	100%	97%	174%* <i>p=0.041</i>
0.6 MED	100%	112%	110%	100%	115%	109%



# TUMOR MULTIPLICITY, WEI-LIN-WEISSFELD METHOD

----- Female -----

----- Male -----

	Vehicle	2% SA	4% SA	Vehicle	2% SA	4% SA
Relative Hazard Ratio						
0.3 MED	100%	62%	18% <i>p&lt;0.001</i>	100%	36% <i>p=0.007</i>	16% <i>p&lt;0.001</i>
0.6 MED	100%	74%	48% <i>p&lt;0.001</i>	100%	61% <i>p=0.015</i>	50% <i>p=0.002</i>